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# Dunblane parents to fight on

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#### 160,000 handguns are to be destroyed

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITIC'L EDITOR

THE parents of Dunblane last night pledged to continue their fight to have all handguns banned after the Government announced the most drastic firearm curbs yet in response to the massacre of 16 children and their teacher last March.

Some 160,000 of the 200,000 handguns held legally in Britain — including all automatic weapons - will have to be handed in and destroyed, but that did not satisfy the families, who insisted that there should be no compromise with

mublic safety.
They could have gone one step further and banned handguns completely," said Dr Mick North, whose daughter Sophie was among those killed by Thomas Hamilton. Michael Howard, who said

the Government's plans would give Britain some of the toughest gun control laws in the world, was also criticised by some Tory MPs who believed that he had gone too far. and by the gun industry, which faces ruin. More than 3,000 jobs could be put at risk. a quarter of the 2,100 gun dealers in the country could close and few of the 2,500 clubs are likely to survive.

Under the Government's proposals, owners who surrender their guns will receive an average of £150 compensation per weapon, at a cost to the Government of about £24 million. The 40,000 smaller guns that will remain legal will have to be kept at gun Tubs which will have to be turned into fortresses to remain in operation.

The proposals go beyond by Lord Cullen in his 174-page report on the massacre, which prompted the resignation yesterday of the senior policeman who renewed Thomas Hamilton's gun licence. Douglas McMurdo, the Assistant Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, who as Deputy Chief Constable of Central Scotland was one of the first

on the scene on March 13, was singled out for criticism in the report, which focused on the force's handling of firearms certificates and the "unacceptable" mistakes it made on the day of the shootings when some families had to wait for

hours to learn that thei children had been killed. Mr McMurdo said yesterday that he was resigning with great sadness. The tragedy had been at the forefront of his mind for seven months, but he still firmly believed that the decisions he had taken were

the only ones available to him. Mr McMurdo's resignation was announced in the Commons by Michael Forsyth. the Scottish Secretary, in a statement in which he described Hamilton's attack on the school as "an act of calculated wickedness".

MPs were also told that the Government intended immediately to implement Lord Cullen's recommendations on tighter security for schools and a new national network to monitor those entrusted with the care and supervision of young people in clubs.



Other measures include a ban, except for deer shooting, on the use of expanding or dum-dum ammunition; severe new restrictions on mail-order purchases: a new system requiring firearms applicants to provide two references; and a new power to allow a chief officer to revoke a firearms certificate if he feels the gun owner does not have a good reason for possessing it.

security is adequate.

In addition, there will be a new requirement for all handgun shooters to obtain a firearms certificate, ending the



present system under which a person without a certificate can shoot at an approved club. Gun clubs will also be required to inform the police when a certificate holder ceases to be a member or has not attended a meeting for a year. There will also be a new

offence of failing to notify the police whenever a firearm or shotgun was sold, transferred, deactivated or destroyed and a ban on the sale of guns through the post.

Dismayed gun enthusiasts said last night the Government plans would handicap British competitors in a sport where Britain had long succeeded. They claimed the ban would do nothing to prevent another Dunblane and would lead to the closure of hundreds of businesses and the loss of thousands of jobs. They were further angered by the initial compensation package which does not yet include any planned payment to dealers,

importers, wholesalers or

clubs who have stocks or

cannot meet the new safety

The British Shooting Sports Council accused Parliament of caving in to "popular preju-dices" and claimed shooters should have the same rights as any other sportsmen or The people of Dunblane.

rules did not go far enough and issued a statement saying: The Home Office submission to Lord Cullen contained the following sentence: There are no licensing arrangements which could give an absolute guarantee that no legitimate gun owner will ever misuse his gun.' We agree with this and therefore the choice is clear: ban guns completely or take the chance that someone will misuse his gun."

As expected, Labour announced that it would vote for a total ban when the legislation comes before the Commons next month. At least four Conservatives have said that they will join them and up to eight more may also dely the Government, which is unlikeissue. The Liberal Democrats are generaly supportive of the

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By MAGNUS LINKLATER

WAITING for Cullen has been the watchword in Dunblane for so long that there was a sense almost of disbelief yesterday when the report was finally published.
"Is that really it?" said a shopper, turning to hear the news. "Is that the end of it?"

The answer, sadly, is no. For some there was a weary acknowledgement that it would take more than Lord Cullen's findings to draw a line under the nightmare that Dunblane has been living with since March. For others, still coping with their grief, the report was simply another milestone along a troubled road with no clear end in

sight.
But for the parents of murdered children, the bereaved families and the wounded teachers who have formed the group Dunblane Against Guns, it marked the beginning of a new and determined campaign. Initially it will be aimed at securing the outright ban of all handguns - including the .22 weapons that the Government is still prepared to sanction - but it might culminate in something

even more ambitious. There was talk yesterday about a total ban on all privately owned guns in Britain. "It needs more thought and it has practical problems." one parent said, "but ultimately we must ensure the safety of the public from all guns."

security rules outlined by the Ann Pearston, the articulate spokeswoman of the Snow-Matthew Parris, page 2 drop Campaign, said she was concentrating only on per-suading the Government to go Cullen report and one step further and ban all

reaction, pages 4 and 5 Magnus Linklater, page 22 handguns. This is a compro-Continued on page 2, col 4 Leading article and Letters, page 23

Government's stance, but

have not declared their hand.

and the vote is certain to be

In the Commons yesterday.

the former Cabinet minister

David Mellor was cheered by

Labour and heckled by his

game is up for handguns

for the closure of the House of

Commons shooting club -

one of the few in the country

that can already meet the strict

Government yesterday.

Labour meanwhile called

#### Libel case order to pulp Venables book

By Jason Nisse

A HIGH Court judge will order today that all unsold spies of Terry Venables's entobiography be pulped as part of a settlement of the libel action against the former England football manager by Alan Sugar, chairman of Totten-Mr Venables and his pub-

lishers, Michael Joseph. are paying £100,001 in damages

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as well as a large part of the costs of the case, which has lasted for nearly two years. Mr Sugar will also read a

statement in court rejecting 15 accusations against him in the book. Venables, including claims that he altered board minutes and misused shareholders' funds. The autobiography, published while Mr Venables was in charge of the England team.

was serialised in a Sunday

newspaper. Tony Berry. another Spurs director, sued the paper and that case has been settled out of court. The book concentrated on the time when Mr Venables and Mr Sugar ran Spurs and covered issues such as their deal to take control of the club when it was in trouble in 1991; the sale of Paul Gascoigne to

Sugar's ousting of Mr Venables in 1993. Mr Venables still has one case outstanding against Spurs, an unfair dismissal claim being brought by Edennote, a company Mr Venables used for personal business dealings, but which

the Italian club Lazio; and Mr



"How do I know you're not having a hotel tryst with a Czech model?

#### Ousted chief is awarded £3m

A court has awarded John Clark, who was ousted as chief executive of the business services group BET, more than £3 million in compensation. Mr Clark, 55, had been willing to settle for a third of the sum. The ruling is likely to influence future cases involving executive pay.......Page 27

#### Euro loophole

The European Commission approved a scheme for stiff penalties against states which run high budget deficits in-side monetary union but left open a loophole........ Page 13

#### Gaddafi hires British firm to spruce up his image

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A BRITISH political lobbying company has been hired by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to improve Libya's image and end its international isolation. The disclosure of the award of the contract to GJW International, only weeks after the latest cash-for-questions af-

fair, will cause further contro-

versy about the activities of

lobbyists. The company is considering inviting ministers to visit Libya in an effort to boost trade links. Libya, the subject of wideranging United Nations trade sanctions since the Lockerbie bomb in 1988, approached several British lobbyists. GJW International, part of the London-based GJW Govern-

ment Relations, won the con-

tract, which is reputed to be worth a six-figure sum. Andrew Gifford, the chief executive and a former adviser to Sir David Steel, clinched the deal after flying to Tripoli this year to meet senior members of the Libyan Government. He denied he had met Colonel Gaddafi. Wilf Weeks, chairman of GJW, who is a former political adviser to Sir Edward Heath, has also been to North Africa. Tony Hutt, another senior director, is a former employee of Conservative Central Office.

Mr Gifford, who is said to be paid £250,000 a year, is chairman and founder member of the newly formed Association of Political Consultants which was established in an attempt to improve the image of lobbyists.

Mr Weeks said last night: We have nothing to hide. We are not stupid. We thought carefully before we took the contract. We know that the Libyans are not angels."

Dr Jim Swire, whose daughter Flora was killed in the Lockerbie bombing, was scathing. He said: This [Libyan] approach is not honourable. It is based on buying your way out of it, which is what Colonel Gaddafi can do with his money."

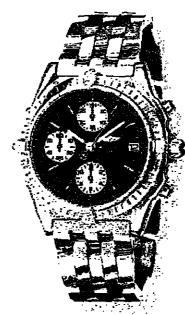
Diplomatic relations between Britain and Tripoli were severed by Baroness Thatcher in 1985 after Constable Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot from the Libyan People's Bureau in London. The UN sanctions were imposed after Libya refused to surrender two men suspected of carrying out the Lockerbie bombing, which killed 270 people. Libya has refused permission for the two men to stand trial in Britain.

The UN sanctions include a ban on the supply of arms, aviation-related equipment and a range of oil industry equipment, and a freeze on Libyan foreign assets. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, a Foreign Office minister, repeated in a Commons debate this year that the sanctions had to stay because of Colonel Gaddafi's "support for terrorism and his aggression against the West".

GJW is paid by the Libyan Government to monitor press and diplomatic comment in Britain and to suggest ways of improving the country's standing with Government and business.

Mr Weeks, who said that he suspected people "might make mischief" out of the contract. said: "It is for six months. It will be reviewed. I had hoped it would be renewed. It proba-





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## United in grief and in inter-party sniping

such as the statement on Lord Cullen's report, a parliamentary sketchwriter well knows what is expected of him: an account which describes a hushed chamber: packed, subdued, MPs "grim-faced" and "united in grief".

The impression to be conveyed is that on these occa-sions our Members of Parliament are heedless of advantage, intent only on what is best for the country. We will say that such occa-sions show "the House at its

There is an element of wishful thinking in this.

yesterday's proceedings it would not be the whole truth. No MP is inhuman; but most keep an eye on party advantage. They know their opponents will. Yesterday's pro-ceedings, dignified and ceedings, dignified and principled as in part they were, did not lack that

The chamber was not packed. Twice as many attend Budgets. There were 80 MPs on the Tory benches and a total of 108 opposition MPs. There are 650 MPs at Westminster

Nobody who listened to Michael Forsyth could doubt his sincerity over Dunblane. But I also noted that his statement took an early repri-



sal against the Labour Party, which had made an address by Anne Pearston of the Snowdrop campaign a highlight of its conference at Blackpool. The party used the opportunity to announce its response to Dunblane in advance of Lord Cullen's report.

That report said Forsyth had been ready at the end of September. "But I received a letter from the Hon Member for Hamilton | George Robertson| saying it would be wrong for the report to be published during any one of the party

conferences'. |So, with Labour and Liberal Democrat approval I asked Lord Cullen to delay submitting his report to me until Monday 14 October." The implied charge was clear. Labour had stolen an early

Nobody who listened to Mr Robertson's reply could doubt the strength or sincerity of his feelings either. He thanked Mr Forsyth warmly for his consideration towards him on visits to Dunblane. "Two fathers, united in grief, mem-bers of the human family." But

but calculated swipe at the Tories. He congratulated them on the "shift in the Government's position" towards his own party's pos-ition on the Cullen recom-

This rankled with Forsyth. There was no shift, he said. The report had been issued only on Monday, the Government's position decided on Tuesday. It had taken no previous position. This was technically true.

The Liberal Democrats' Jim Wallace then discreetly let us know that the Government's additions to Cullen's proposals were "more in line with our own submissions". Far from being the House

at its best, there is something disturbing about these occasions. Real emotions are interlaced with covert grabs for political advantage, and always with an eye on the populace. An atmosphere in which a minister can suggest that those recruiting voluntary workers might be informed by the police not only of past convictions, but also of prosecutions contemplated but never proceeded with, and receive no more inquisitive a response than "hear, hear", is the House at its most

alarming. ☐ Yesterday's sketch construed John Major as implying that Tony Blair's son is privately educated. He is not. nor did Mr Major imply it.

#### Britain 'is target' for pollutant smugglers

Britain is becoming the target of organised criminals who smuggle in ozone-damaging chemicals in defiance of international treaties. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary,

said in London yesterday.

Speaking at the first conference on environmental crime, he said that in Florida the size of the trade in banned chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) - found in refrigerators, air conditioning systems and aerosols — was now second only to cocaine. "We now believe the trade is spreading to Europe." Experts claim that the smugglers are supplying the motor trade and big companies reluctant to switch to air conditioning systems that run on ozone-friendly chemicals.

#### Meters 'will save water'

Millions of people will be on water meters by 2000. Environment Department officials conceded. Widespread metering is a key feature in the drive to conserve water and cut the need to build reservoirs or take more from waterways. Many of the 4.4 million new households forecast by 2016 will have meters fitted. Water companies are also pursuing a string of incentives. Studies show consumption falls by between 10 and 30 per cent in metered homes.

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#### French flights cancelled

Flights to France will be badly disrupted today by a 24-hour strike by French civil servants. British Airways is expected to operate only two return flights between Heathrow and Paris Charles de Gaulle airports. Nearly 50 BA flights to and from France are expected to be cancelled. Air France said it was likely to have only three London-Paris return flights. Ferry services and Eurostar and Le Shuttle trains are expected to be Paris threat, page 13

#### **UUP MP** to be independent

Cecil Walker, the Ulster Unionist MP for North Belfast, is to stand as an independent Unionist at the next election. He claimed right-wing opponents in his constituency association were trying to oust him. David Trimble, the party leader, called on Mr Walker to reconsider. Mr Trimble said: "There has been, to my knowledge, no conspiracy to oust him."
There are fears among Unionists that a split Unionist vote could hand North Belfast to Sinn Fein.

#### Ouinlivan is remanded

Nessan Quinlivan, who is awaiting a High Court appeal against extradition to Britain, was charged at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin with falsely imprisoning a man in Limerick in August. He was remanded in custody until November 13. Quinlivan's extradition is being sought over his escape from Brixton prison in 1991. He was freed from Portlaiose prison last November under the Irish Govern-ment's early release for republican prisoners.

#### Pollution 'may stunt growth'

Babies born in heavily polluted areas may suffer stunted growth, researchers have reported. While the results relate to Eastern Europe, the researchers say the chemicals responsible are also common in the West. Dr Frederica Perera of Columbia University, New York, found that Polish babies exposed to high levels of PMIO, the fine particles found in diesel exhausts, are born with smaller heads and bodies.

#### **BBC** launches Bible series

An animated series of nine Old Testament stories was launched by the BBC yesterday in an effort to familiarise involving animators and producers from Moscow and Wales, is expected to be used in thousands of schools as part of religious education. The first programme, Creation and the Flood, was shown on BBC2 last night.

#### Quango posts criticised

Chairmen of Government committees and quangos still prefer the "old boy" network for selecting members than open advertising, according to the first annual report by Sir Len Peach, the Commissioner for Public Appointments, He rebuked three chairmen for this and said he wished to see more women and more members of ethnic minorities coming forward for the 89,000 jobs on nearly 900 quangos.

#### Man cleared of stabbing

A man was yesterday cleared of stabbing a cancer specialist. Last October, Dr David Jenkins, a clinical oncologist, of Rainham, Kent, was squirted with a liquid by two assailants. on his doorstep. While shielding his face, he was knifed in the shoulder and loin. David Stammers, 31, of Chatham, who denied wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. was found not guilty by a jury at Maidstone Crown Court.

#### Cannabis 'cures alcoholism'

An Oxford-educated former hippy who was found growing \$45 cannabis plants at his farm told Truro Crown Court that he was involved in cannabis research and believed the drug was the best cure for alcoholism. Robin Scott and his wife, Adrienne, both 47. from Crylla, near Liskeard, Cornwall. denied various charges of producing, supplying and possessing the drug. The trial continues

## Queen to take control of royal travel budget

By Alan Hamilton

THE Queen is to cut costs by assuming direct financial control of the Royal Family's travel arrangements. She will take over from the two government departments which currently fund and run the Royal Squadron of aircraft and the royal train, and will be look-Foreign Office if members of ing for substantial savings. the Royal Family travel on

Although the initiative has come from the Queen herself. it reflects continuing public disquiet about the cost of monarchy, and pressure for the Buckingham Palace accounts to be more open to public inspection.

From next April, if Parliament approves, Buckingham Palace will be paid an annual block grant by the Department of Transport and will be left to run its own transport affairs. A detailed report and balance sheet will be published each year, and the accounts scrutinised regularly by the National Audit Office.

Palace sources said that the move, announced by the Prime Minister in a Commons written answer yesterday, would entail no additional cost to taxpayers and was likely to lead to significant savings in the long term without compromising national prestige, safety or security. Since the Queen took over direct responsibility for running the royal palaces through a grant-in-aid from the Department of National Heritage she has cut costs by a quarter over five years.

Royal travel currently costs 69 million a year, most of it

MPs approved a wide-ranging

investigation yesterday into

allegations that a minister

sought to influence a Com-

mons committee inquiry into

Their decision has thrust

the cash for questions affair.

David Willetts, a close adviser

of the Prime Minister, into the

latest chapter of the sleaze

used a short Commons emer-

gency debate to decry the

damage done to the reputation

of Parliament by its failure to

deal with allegations against

The Labour MP Tony Benn

paid by the Ministry of Defence to operate what used to be known as the Queen's Flight - three BAe 146 aircraft and several helicopters - and the rest by the Department of Transport for the royal train. Funding also comes from the

state business abroad. But the figure reflects running costs, not capital expenditure, and various peripheral items. The last substantial capital expenditure was in 1991, when the MoD paid £14 million for an additional 146 aircraft, taking total capi-

since 1986 to £40 million. The new arrangements do not cover the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is paid for by the Ministry of Defence,



The Oueen's initiative is intended to cut costs

Willetts is to face inquiry

over misuse of influence

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

eral, who was on the govern-ment front bench during the

debate, has pledged to co-

operate with the newly formed

Commons Select Committee

The MP. a former member

on Standards and Privileges.

of Margaret Thatcher's

Downing Street policy unit,

faces accusations that two

years ago, when he was a jun-

ior government Whip, he tried

to influence the outcome of a

Commons committee examin-

ing claims that Neil Hamilton.

the former Trade Minister.

had taken cash for questions.

and which will be decommissioned next year. Proposals for a replacement are being considered by the Cabinet Office; a yacht funded by private industry is one possibility.

Running the travel budget will be the responsibility of Michael Peat, a former City accountant who is Keeper of the Privy Purse and the Palace's director of finance. Since he arrived at his post in 1991 he has earned a reputation throughout the Royal Household as an unstinting enemy of

unnecessary spending.
The Palace said last night that the arrangements had followed long-term discussions by the Way Ahead Group, the informal gathering of the Royal Family and their senior advisers which meets twice a year to review strategic planning. Details are believed to have been finalised when the group met at Balmoral last month, and then to have been passed to Downing Street.

According to Palace sources, the main benefits of the new scheme will be reduced cost to the taxpayer, better disclosure of how and why the money is spent, and better accountability by linking travel require-ments directly to financial

responsibility for them. The Queen's financial staff are likely to look much more closely at all travel and say they will better placed than in the past to decide on the most cost-effective means of getting members of the Royal Family

called "smoking gun memo"

— was taken out of context. He

has offered to help the inquiry

The Commons agreed with-

out a vote after a short debate

for a full inquiry to be held

into the claims that Mr

Willetts had brought "improp-

er pressure" to bear on the

now defunct committee of

members' interests. Sir Geof-

frey Johnson Smith, the Tory

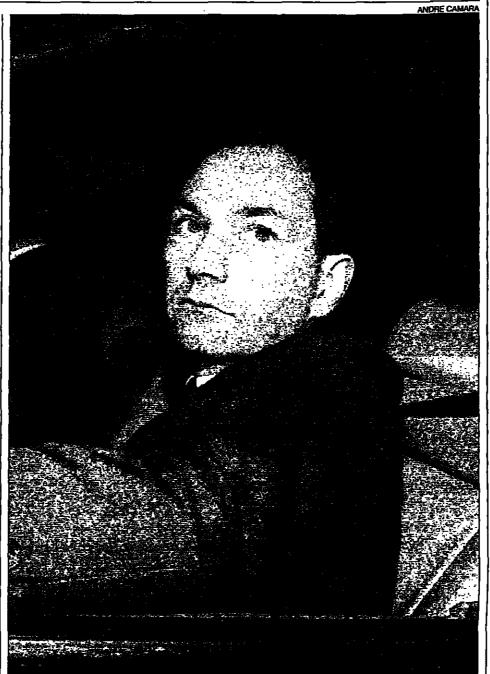
MP who was chairman of the

committee at the time, stepped

down from the standards and

privileges committee while it

in any way he can.



Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, led the Cabinet fight for the guns ban

#### The grief of Dunblane

Continued from page I mise on public safety," she announced. "A .22 weapon is capable of killing. It's accurate, light, and easily concealed. By retaining even these weapons, it is leaving the door open on public safety." She said that she was reserving the option of standing against Tory candidates who backed the Government line, including Michael For-syth, who holds the Stirling constituency with a wafer-thin majority. "We voted you all

in." she said, "and we can vote you all out" For those in Dunblane who feel less directly affected, talk like that is greeted with concern. They would prefer to concentrate on rebuilding their lives. "For the majority of the community, Cullen is a milestone in the process of returning to normality." the Rev Maxwell Craig. General Secretary of Action of Churches Together in Scot-

to return to. I respect what the Dunblane Against Guns they are doing, but I am sad that they are talking about more campaigns. It's a dis-traction from the more difficult long-term task of coming to terms with what happen-

Pat Greenhill, the former

Provost of Dunblane, conceded that there was some tension between the campaigners and the others — and that this might grow. "Dunblane is still a united community," she said, "but there is divergence between those who were directly involved and who want to keep Dunblane in the public eye, and the others who would prefer all that to stop. All these events, the Cullen report, anniversaries like Christmas, are still very difficult for us. An unexpected death, for instance, affects us far more deeply than it would in normal circumstalnces." But For Dr Mick North, who lost his daughter Sophie in

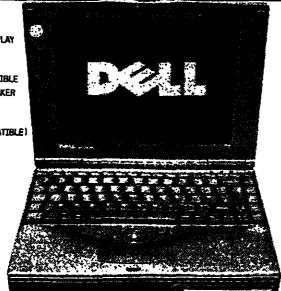
banner last night, it is not as easy as that. "We're each going to have to get through this at different speeds. Some of us will never get over it. We are never going to have our children again. Given the circumstances in which our children died, it's not going to be possible for us to hide away, to shelter others by not talking about it. Some people hope they can get back to normality. Our lives will never be normal again." Back at Dunblane Primary

School, the gymnasium where the shooting happened that terrible morning last March has been razed. The parents will meet soon to decide what should be done with it. Mike Robins, head of the school board, admitted that the teachers were still having difficulty in coping with emotions. They are doing their damnedest to keep control over their feelings," he timate the problems."

#### Tory MPs that were more Mr Willetts, the MP for examines the Willetts memo. than two years old. Mr said, "but I wouldn't underes-Havant, has claimed that his land, said, "For the families of the tragedy and was one of Willens, the Paymaster Genhandwritten note - the so Nolan's support. page 8 those facing the media under course, there is no normality Budget problem? Business solution.

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# Pitiless murderer haunts thoughts of French family

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE father of Celine Figard spoke last night of the daugh-ter he had lost to an 'imbecile' killer. After Sruari Morgan, 37, was sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering the 9-year-old French student. Bernard Figard said he could not understand how the lorry driver could live with his crime.

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"I can't believe he actually pleaded not guilty, but inside of him he knows what he did. It didn't seem to move him or affect him at all when he heard the graphic descriptions of

"I wonder if he has any nightmares about what he did to my daughter. How does he feel when he remembers the desperate shout of his powerless victim? How does he feel when he remembers his own hands covered with my beautiful daughter's blood?" M Figard, who attended

Worcester Crown Court every day with his wife, Martine, said through an interpreter: "This man will never pay enough for what he did. I hope he spends the rest of his days rotting in iail. Throughout the court case

he looked so detached from reality as if he was a total stranger who didn't really pelong there. I just felt sickened by his behaviour. "When I first laid eyes on

him in May he just had a blank look on his face and he didn't seem to feel anything or to show any remorse. He was

"I never really thought that Morgan could walk away from this, but my real fear throughout the case was that he may have pleaded insanity or diminished responsibility. That would have been all too

easy for him.
It is beyond my compre-hension how a man who has committed such a horrible crime in a moment of madness could have been stupid enough not to get rid of the evidence. Far from that, this monstrous idiot kept my daughter's dead body in the back of his truck with him. What kind of imbecilic creature is he?
"Being there was like shar-

ing our daughter's Calvary. The police did tell us everything, but it was still very hard to see Celine's belongings and to listen to the details of how she died. I felt like I was going through Celine's ordeal all over again myself."

He added that the family home in France was filled with memories. "Celine is everywhere and nowhere at the same time. Everything we do and everywhere we go we think of our daughter. The drawings she did when she was a little girl, the gifts she bought us when she was a child and teenager and all the little things that before we

that I am very strong but it is only an appearance. Our lives will never be the same and we survive more than we live We. have a duty to cope and we do this for Celine and for our three other children. We try to

didn't really notice, now have great significance When I walk past her

bedroom I remember the sound of her voice as she sat doing her homework or opening the door to talk to us. I remember the noise of her

feet when she was running in the house and sometimes I still think I can hear my little girl running around the house but then I realise it's all a night-mare and I'm dragged back to reality with a bang. "In our living room we have

put a lot of framed pictures of Celine on the wall; this is to remind us that Celine won't be physically with us again. She was such a lively girl with a lot of life to live. "We miss her so much.

Everybody misses her. People in the village still feel shock and outrage, so much so that some would have been ready to take a gun to Morgan if he had been freed.
"For a neighbour's daughter I know I would have felt the

same things but it is my Celine who died and I don't feel I want revenge. Nothing will bring her back and I am also against capital punishment because I think it is too easy." M Figard said his family

had received support, but also hate mail. "But despite all this support and friendship offered from strangers we still get hate mail. These people don't even have the courage to sign their letters but we have had letters from all over France and even from Great Britain. M Figard said he still feels

anger that a second truck driver, Roger Bouvier, let his daughter go with Morgan despite having reservations. "Bouvier told the police, after Celine's disappearance, that Morgan had a strange look in his eye that he couldn't forget, that he didn't trust him. Bouvier was very upset, but if he didn't trust this man why the hell didn't be do anything to stop her going with him?

A lot of people have told me



have different ways of reacting to our feelings. I have to go and work in my fields because Celine very rarely came out to work with me in the fields and that is the only real place" where I can be alone with my

"My wife took over Celine's newspaper delivery job in our village just as Celine used to. I think this way Martine feels that she is keeping Celine's memory alive." Mme Figard band had to hide from her that knowing that the bastard who Celine had been raped. M Figard said he had great

sympathy for the parents of the murdered schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson, who was raped in a French youth hostel last summer.

"I often think about Caroline Dickinson's parents. They lost their daughter in the same circumstances as us but Caro-

murdered their daughter is still walking the streets and is free to do the same to another

father's daughter." He defended his daughter against Morgan's allegations that Celine consented to sex, adding: "I was very, very shocked, even though I knew in advance the defence would allege such things, that they said that my daughter had

had taken drugs.

"Celine was not just like that. It was not in her nature. Morgan's madness at times honestly made me laugh, it was so ridiculous."

The Figards now want to live as normally as possible. M Figard said: "We cannot afford to think in terms of life with Celine or life without Celine. Our daughter has gone and our lives just go on."

George Candlin, 34, a television production manager. said: "They rushed down the train telling people to put their wallets into the bags. They were waving the gun and the knife, which had a pretty nasty-looking blade. No one flipped, there was plenty of

wallet in the bag." Police hope to issue photo-fit pictures of the two attackers. who were in their twenties. The man carrying the 12-inch machete was described as black, of athletic build and dressed in a maroon sweat-

#### Celine Figard, whom he picked up in his lorry Killer to be questioned about deaths of other women

AND IAN MURRAY

Stuart Morgan denied murdering French student

STUART MORGAN is to be questioned about the killings of at least two other women. Like Mlle Figard, they were strangled and their naked bodies dumped close to motorway

Jailing Morgan for life at Worcester Crown Court, Mr Justice Latham told him: "You have been convicted on the clearest possible evidence. What you did to Celine has caused revulsion in the minds of all right-thinking people. There is only one sentence I can impose for this crime and that is life imprisonment. I consider you a dangerous

man and will so report to the Home Secretary."

Morgan had raped Mile Figard in the cab of his lorry before beating her over the head and strangling her on December 19 last year. He drove around the country for the next ten days with her body concealed in the lower bunk of the white cab. Eventually he left her body close to a lay-by near Worcester just

off the M5. The two unsolved killings about which Morgan is expected to be interviewed are those of Tracey Turner, 33, and Samo Paull, 20. Both were prostitutes whose bodies were found near the M1 in Leicestershire. Miss Turner vanished in

March 1994 and Miss Paull at the end of December 1993. Although Morgan is to be questioned about other murders police were last night ruling out speculation that he was the so-called Midlands Ripper.

Even before he turned to murder, Morgan led a double life, with a wife and a mistress at opposite ends of the country. Although he was described by police as unremarkable, ordinary and plausible, psy-chologists said that he had the classic hallmarks of a criminal psychopath and seemed incapable of any lasting relationship with women unless he was cheating on

During much of his time in Poole.

Dorset, with Glynda Parker, who was to become his second wife, Morgan was also living with Alyson Philbrock in Wigan, Greater Manchester. Both Miss Parker and Miss Philbrock believed that they alone shared their lives with the former heating engineer turned

long-distance driver. Morgan's job as a freelance driver for a Southampton firm took him all over the country as well as on foreign trips. He was to claim in court that he had often had sex with women hitchhikers. "I am of the character I always flirt with women," he told the jury.

Morgan started his affair with

Miss Parker while still married to

mother of their twin sons, Jamie and Martin. Only months after marrying and moving to Dorset he had met Miss Parker and embarked on a lengthy affair that eventually ended in marriage in 1994.

his first wife, Catherine Smith, the

But even before he wed his second wife he was being unfaithful with Miss Philbrock, 32, after he met her through work at Bournemouth council. When she eventually moved north the affair continued. Miss Philbrock, who six months

ago married Andrew Norris, with whom she has a two-month-old boy. said: "I always took him at his word and his word was that I was the only woman in his life and that he loved

me dearly - I had no reason to disbelieve him. He was obviously driving back and forth from his place to see me but I knew nothing about it at the time. I didn't know he was picking up hitchhikers or anything, this has all come as a great shock."

Dr Susan Edwards, of Buckingham University, who has written on sex crimes, said it was no surprise to dicover that Morgan was thought to be unremarkable. "Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was unre-markable when police stopped him in a routine investigation. Obviously someone like this with his kind of job is able to conceal his tracks and move around freely," she said.

#### £4,000 reward offered for train robbers

By Michael Horsnell

A REWARD of \$4,000 was offered yesterday for the capture of two masked robbers. armed with a gun and a machete, who terrified passengers on a London commuter train and stripped them of money, credit cards and

Police are worried that the hold-up on a moving train, the first in Britain, could start a new crime fashion. British Transport Police are stepping up security and will study video footage taken at London stations. The attack, in which at least 25 people were robbed in the space of six minutes, occurred between London Bridge and Deptford, south London, on the line to Dartford.

Detective Chief Superin-tendent Peter Whent, head of British Transport Police operations, said: This is a very serious, unique attack. It was horrendous and people were obviously extremely fright-ened." The attack took place on Tuesday on the 8.12pm train from Charing Cross. It had called at Waterloo East and London Bridge when the robbery took place. When the train arrived at Deptford at 8.25pm the two men fled.

They went into a lavatory on the train at an early stage of the short journey. The man with the machete, who had been wearing a rolled-up woollen hat, emerged with it unrolled as a balaclava. His accomplice had pulled a scarf over his face. Mr Whent said: One of the suspects asked the other if he was ready. Then they went to different ends of one carriage and announced it was a robbery. They said they wanted everybody's money. They threatened passengers but no one was hurt. He said the robbery differed

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from "steaming" on trains. where gangs of up to 20 jostled and intimidated passengers. Officers took statements from the victims and appealed for witnesses, Connex, the train operator, announced a £2,000 reward for information leading to arrests and conviction. Victims of Crime offered a further £2,000.

British calm. The one with the gun came to me. I didn't think it was for real but I wasn't about to find out, so I put my

shirt, blue jogging trousers and white trainers. The man with the gun was of mixed-race or Mediterranean appearance, slightly built and with bad acne. He wore an off-white or cream jacket with vertical brown and red stripes, and a leather baseball cap.

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#### Ban is 'draconian alternative' to guns restriction

handguns announced by the Government yesterday goes much further than the key recommendation in Lord Cullen's lengthy report on the Dunblane shootings. He said a ban on multi-shot handguns would be a "draconian alternative" to his recommendation for the disabling of selfloading pistols and revolvers of all calibres.

Lord Cullen said the avail-ability of self-loading pistols and revolvers held by individuals for target shooting should be restricted. He suggested they could be disabled while not in use by the removal of the slide assembly, which would be kept securely at a gun club, or the fitting of a blocked barrel by a club

Lord Cullen said that over the past 20 years there had been a considerable expansion in the use of larger calibre and high capacity handgun models. These are based on military and police models. These are not target guns in the true and original sense." There had also been a growth in combat shooting. "It has led some shooters to don the trappings of combat, such as holsters and camouflage clothing. It has caused others to feel uneasy about what appears to be the use of guns as symbols of personal power.

The multi-shot handgun had the capacity to kill or injure a great number of people within a short space of time", he said, "I have no doubt that if Thomas Hamilcould have killed every person in the gym."

Lord Cullen's recommendations included:

☐ Certification system: police inquiry into an applicant's background must be supplied in advance with any information about a change of circumstances and any reason for exercising particular caution, Anyone applying for a firearms certificate will be assessed against a check list of

criteria for suitability. ☐ More training for officers conducting inquiries. Extension of the powers of search where there is reasonable ground that there is a risk to THE CULLEN **PROPOSALS** 

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the safety of the public; new power to seize and detain any firearm certificate found. ☐ Power of search to be extended to civilian licensing officials who will get power to inspect dealers, registers and

approved gun clubs.

| Moves to enable police forces to hold and exchange information on computer about individuals holding certificates, and those whose applications have been refused or had certificates revoked. □ New power to allow the police to revoke a certificate



The Cullen report runs to 174 pages

where there is no good reason for having a firearm. ☐ Each registered club must maintain a register of attendance of its members who are holders of firearms certifi-

cates, together with details of arms they have used. ☐ Each holder of a certificate must be a member of at least one approved club and the certificate must specify the club. Clubs to inform police when a certificate holder ceases to be a member.

☐ Club must inform police when a certificate holder has not attended for a year. ☐ Each club to appoint a member to act as liaison

Conditions for granting or renewing certificate to be dependent on a chief officer of police being satisfied that application is fit to be entrusted

with firearms. ☐ Guidance to police to contain advice as to the scope of the term "fitness" relating to a person holding a firearm. of application for membership

☐ Each applicant for membership to state whether he or she has submitted a prior application for certificate which has been refused or has had a certificate revoked. Current system of applications being countersigned abolished and replaced with one requiring two references. ☐ Restriction on the avail-

and the outcome.

ability of self-loading pistols and revolvers of any calibre by their disablement. ☐ Safety strategy for the protection of schoolchildren against attack to be drawn up

by education authorities. New system for accreditation to a national body of all clubs and groups that are attended by children aged under 16. Main purpose would be to allow checks on the suitability of the clubs leaders and workers.

The Government announced four further measures: ☐ Handgun shooters must obtain a certificate in order to fire a handgun in a gun club. ☐ It will be a criminal offence to fail to notify police whenever a firearm or shotgun is sold, transferred, de-activated or destroved.

☐ There will be a ban on the sale of guns through the post.

It will be illegal to possess expanding ammunition except for purpose of shooting deer.

The Government also said that all gun clubs must be licensed by the Secretary of State. New standards of security for licenses will include reinforced walls, strong perimeter fences, burglar alarms linked directly to the police, metal detectors at entrances to prevent guns being removed, and regular inspections by

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Thomas Hamilton, left, and Lord Cullen, who said the gunman could have killed every child in the gym

#### Volunteers for child work will be checked for criminal records

EVERY youth club and youth organisation will be able to vet the criminal records of adults who volunteer to work with children, the Govern-ment said yesterday.

In a far-reaching measure to protect the young from suspect youth leaders, ministers have gone further than Lord Cullen's recommendations. They have accepted his idea that a new voluntary accreditation body, showing that proper safeguards to root out unsuitable applicants have been taken, should be created. All youth groups will be able to join the body. Talks will begin immediately with organisations throughout the

country to create the agency. Lord Cullen notes that adults have many opportunities to make contact with children and young people, from Scouts and Guides to personal tuition, sports clubs and arts, music and drama coaching Criminal record checks can be made on adults who are teachers, work in YOUTH CLUBS "paedophile register". "At present there is nothing to prevent an individual declar-

The Scottish Office esti-

adults are associated with

11,000 recognised voluntary

youth organisations. A simi-

lar number may have access to children, befrienders, home

visitors and playgroup

Voluntary organisations

have no direct access to the

Scottish Criminal Records Of-

fice but even if they had, the

check would have revealed

nothing about Thomas Ham-

ilton. Yet the Scout Associa-

tion's experience was suffi-

cient to "blacklist" him. Lord

Cullen said it was desirable to

find a means of assembling

health or social work, and provide day care for children under eight. Although large well organised voluntary orging himself or herself a 'youth anisations appear to have leader', renting premises and starting a youth club or some other similar kind of activity codes for protecting children from abuse, more informal clubs have less vetting. The Department of Health for children over eight." his

in England provides information about convictions of people in childcare work to social work authorities and voluntary organisations. A similar service is available in Northern Ireland. The Department of Education lists the names of people who have left childcare work in circumstances suggesting that children were at risk. No such

service exists in Scotland. The Government announced that access to criminal record checks will be extended to all voluntary youth organisations. Lord Cullen described the criminal records as, in effect, a

legitimate inquirer about a person's behaviour to his potential unsuitability. He calls for an accrediting body that would be responsi-

ble for guidelines on recruitment, training and monitoring of workers with substantial unsupervised access to children, with a view to minimising the risk of abuse. Clubs and groups with suitmates that up to 100,000 able codes of practice on checking their workers could be accredited. Other clubs and groups

> about the suitability of individuals. "Great care, would, of course, require to be taken in order to ensure that the information which was recorded was accurate," the report says. "Whether and to what extent the information would be released to a 'member' club or group official who enquired about a particular applicant or worker would depend upon what he needed

could provide information

#### **Schools** must not be turned into little fortresses

SECURITY

SCHOOLS must ensure that teachers have regular training in coping with aggressive intruders and should consider fitting panic buttons in outlying classrooms. Lord Cullen advised.

A checklist of measures to improve classroom security was set out in the report, but he was adamant that schools should not become fortresses. Every school had different

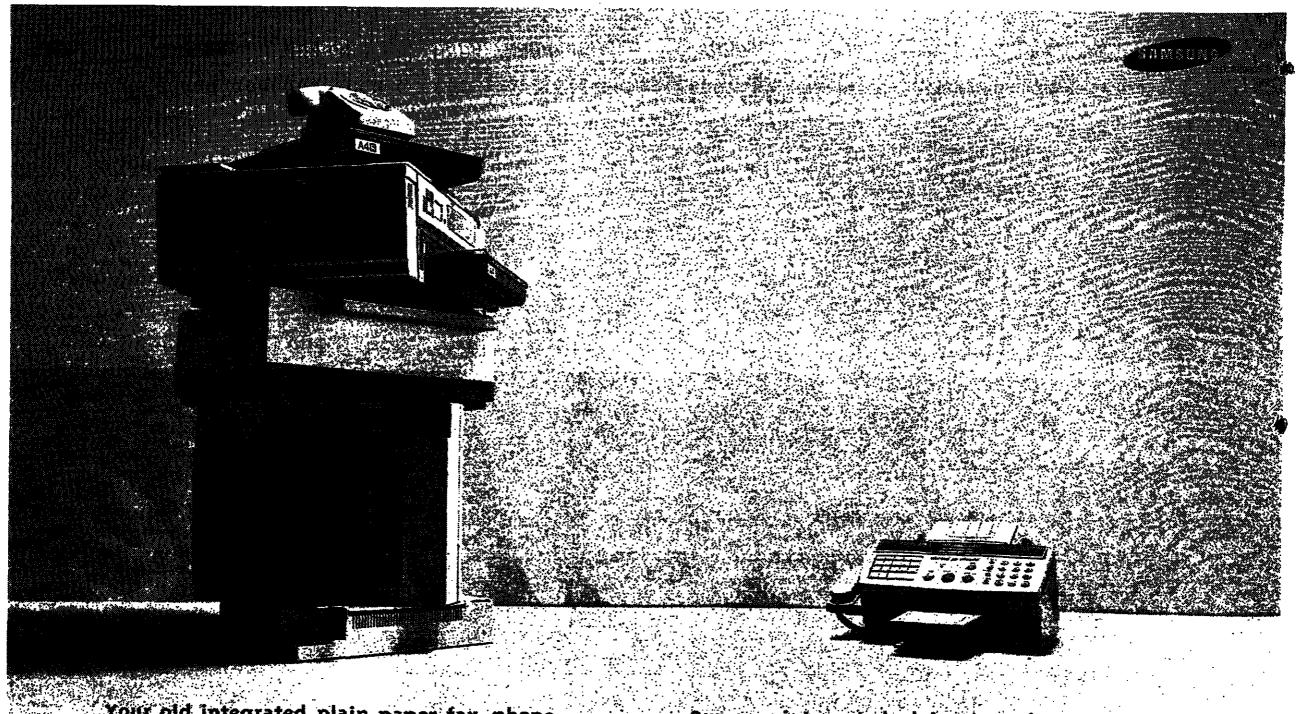
safety needs, but each required a thorough risk assessment in the light of the Dunblane massacre. If a blanket approach to the installation of measures is adopted, this may involve unnecessary or inappropriate expend-iture." He added: "Whatever measures are taken, it is unrealistic to expect that the risk of a violent intruder gaining access to a school can be eliminated."

Lord Cullen's views echo those of the Government's working party on school safety, set up after the fatal stabbing of Philip Lawrence. the London head teacher, last December, Teachers' leaders criticised his report for not demanding extra government money. Ministers have promised to announce "substantial new funding" next month which schools can bid for in April to improve security.

Lord Cullen said schools should consider panic alarms or telephones in their classrooms, particularly those relie more from the main buildings. Closed-circuit television cameras would help only if they were constantly monitored.

Head teachers should ask whether public access to grounds and the number of doors should be restricted, and whether they needed an entryphone system or locks operated by code. Parents and others visiting school might have to give advance notice.

Ronnie Smith, general secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland, of which the murdered Dunblane teacher Gwen, Mayor was a member, said that Lord Cullen had achieved a balance between security and a welcoming environment

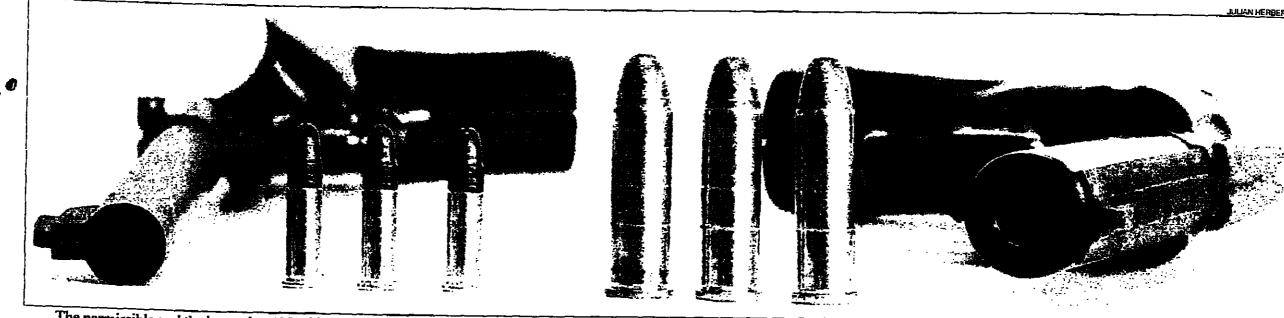


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The permissible and the banned: a .22 Webley single shot target pistol would be allowed within the secure confines of a gun club; the .38 Smith & Wesson would be banned for anyone but professionals

# Club enthusiasts say rules will stop British Olympic teams

BRITAIN'S gun-club enthusiasts last night angrily denied that the Government's proposals would eliminate the "gun culture" responsible for the Dunblane tragedy.

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The British Shooting Sports Council, an umbrella group for the sport, described the ministerial proposals as a "disappointment" and insisted that they would play no part in curbing violent crime.

Pat Johnson, the secretary of the group, said that many of the country's 2,500 clubs may have to close either because they are pistol-only clubs or they will find the new regulations too expensive. He issued a warning that many clubs, enthusiasts, and manufacturers may demand financial compensation.

The main effect of the Government's proposal will be to make Britain the only country in the world unable to compete in a sport where we have for generations achieved success, Mr Johnson said.

"Our Olympic pistol shooter in Atlanta required a semiautomatic pistol to compete in her event. It will even exclude us from our own Commonwealth Games. The decision may put at risk Manchester's bid to host the Games.

"Lord Cullen highlighted failures of the system of licensing and the council supports all the forms that will strengthen the controls which forevent the wrong person from being licensed to hold a

However, Mr Johnson said: Parliament has an honorable tradition of protecting the rights of legitimate minorities against passing populist prejudices. Shooters have the same entitlement to their protection as any other sportsmen or any other minority. We expect to be given it."

expect to be given it."

Mr Johnson said it was a shame the government had been unable to hold the line drawn in the sand by Lord Cullen but had decided to go further. He suggested that the two main political parties had been vying with each other for

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several weeks to curry political favour. It was unlikely in that atmosphere that the gun lobby would receive a fair hearing.

Carol Page, an Olympic competitor who used semi-automatic weapons in Atlanta,

competitor who used semiautomatic weapons in Atlanta, said shooting was the second largest participation sport after football. She said that under the Government's proposals it would be enormously difficult for Olympic hopefuls to achieve the required standard.

She suggested that the gun lobby had been punished by the sins of Thomas Hamilton and insisted that it was not gun-club enthusiasts who were to blame for the tragedy.

The Bisley liring ranges in

Surrey, where about 30 gun clubs are based now face an uncertain future. Geoff Doe, 52, a member of the Worplesdon Rifle and Pistol Club in Surrey, and development officer for the National Small Bore Rifle Association, which represents the interests of thousands of rifle and handgun enthusiasts, said: "It is pure, raw emotion. Taking pistols away from their legitimate owners will not stop another Hungerford or Dunblane."

At Bisley, Mr Doe said that even if small clubs could afford increased security to store 22 weapons, it would not stop determined criminals. He knew of one case where a crane was used to smash a wall so that the gun safe could be stolen. Mr Woodall said his club, Wandsworth, which charges about £50 a year, tried simply to cover its costs. "We will have to win the National Lottery," he said.

# Legal .22 can still be lethal at short range

THE ban on most handguns will remove from lawful ownership a long list of lethal weapons but the .22 pistol, which can kill at short range, is to remain a licensed weapon.

"Just because it's a small

Brian Woodall, 44, of Lud-

low, Shropshire, was another

practising at Bisley yesterday.

He too opposes any ban. "My own view is that it will not

achieve anything," said Mr Woodall, a member of the

Borough of Wandsworth Rifle

Club and a .22 pistol

taken is simplistic. When they

talk of guns, it's all one thing

The Walther Free pistol he

demonstrated yesterday takes

about ten seconds for a skilled

gunman to reload and fires a

single shot at a time. Semi-

automatic handguns fire sev-

eral bullets in a matter of

seconds. Shooters at Bisley.

which caters for handguns

with barrels measuring up to

.45 of an inch. likened the

difference between high and

low-calibre weapons to the

difference between the 100

metres and the marathon in

athletics. Each required a

different skill and even to ban

weapons greater in calibre

than 22 would be to unfairly

clubs Dunmore, in Abingdon,

Oxfordshire, said it may close

as a result of the new mea-

sures. Eight out of ten of its

500 members shoot guns of

above .22 calibre and to bring

security up to the required standard for the few remain-

ing members would cost tens

Francis Lovel, a director.

said: "It is catastrophic. This

has all been done for political

expediency and will not solve

anything." The club employs 13 people and has a £1 million

annual turnover. Mr Lovel

predicted that most small

clubs, charging a few pounds

membership a year, would

The Government's compen-

sation package for gun owners is expected to cost £24 million

with payments averaging El50

per gun. Each owner will be offered a flat-rate payment for

each gun or a price based on

an evaluation of the market

value of the weapon.

of thousands of pounds.

deprive them of their sport.

"So many times the view

bullet doesn't mean it's not lethal," lan Hogg, former editor of Jane's Infantry Weapons, said yesterday after the government announcement on the banning of all handguns above .22 calibre.

Mr Hogg said the present

standard ammunition used by Nato forces was .223 in. not much larger than the .22 in. although it was for a rifle, not a handgun, and was therefore a much more powerful weapon.

In terms of lethality, the larger the bullet, the greater the damage suffered by a shooting victim. A 9mm round fired at a limb, for example, could have devastating consequences leading to death from loss of blood, whereas a 22 in bullet might cause only minor injury.

However, a 22 bullet fired

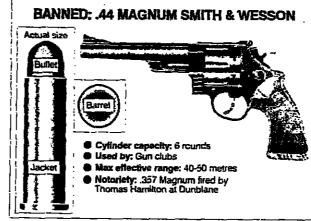
accurately at a vulnerable part of the body from close range could kill, Mr Hogg said. A number of assassinations have involved the firing of 22 calibre weapons. Robert Kennedy, the brother of President John Kennedy, was shot dead by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in 1968 with a 22 lver Johnson revolver. President Reagan and his press secretary were shot and injured with a 22 calibre pistol by John Hinckley in 1981.

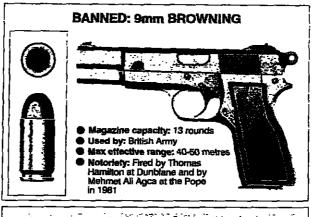
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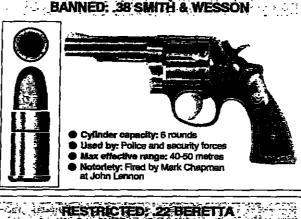
bin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, was assassinated in November last year after being shot at at close range with a 22 calibre pistol. The more rowerful pistols

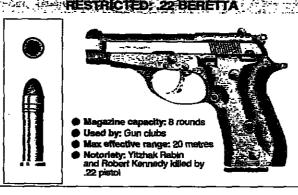
The more powerful pistols and revolvers banned by the Government yesterday include the 9mm Browning, which will now be used legitimately only by the Armed Forces and the police. Capable of rapid-firing 13 rounds, it is acknowledged to be one of the most effective guns. Other 9mm guns include the Luger, Beretta and Walther P38.

Other guns facing the blanket ban include the most









popular weapon used by gun clubs, the 38 calibre, which is made by all the recognised manufacturers, such as Smith & Wesson and Colt. John Lennon was assassinated in 1980 by a 38 special.

The ban will also affect all Magnum guns, such as the .357 and the .44 and .41. described by Mr Hogg as the "macho gun used by the baseball cap and beer belly brigade" and made farnous by

wood's Dirty Harry films. James Bond initially had the 6.35mm Beretta and later changed to a 7.65mm Beretta. Another 38 calibre gun that will be banned is the Webley service revolver, the main sidearm in the British Armed Forces for many years, although it was largely replaced by the Browning. The 1RA is known to have a stock of Webley revolvers.

Clint Eastwood in Holly-

# Police criticised for allowing Hamilton to own handguns

#### LICENSING

LORD CULLEN is highly critical of the way central Scotland Police gave Thomas Hamilton permission to hold more than one handgun of the same calibre.

His report says that the

His report says that the reasons given and accepted for Hamilton being authorised to do so were unsatisfactory. His authority to own firearms and obtain ammunition had been renewed without inquiry despite his misuse of the weapons. The underlying reason for this state was the unsatisfactory way in which official guidance to police was expressed. Although Hamilton's fitness to be trusted with a firearm was challenged after an incident at a summer camp, no action was taken.

Lord Cullen says Douglas

camp, no action was taken.

Lord Cullen says Douglas McMurdo, then Deputy Chief Constable, should have made further inquiries after concarns were expressed by junior officers about the incident. "On balance there was a case for revocation [of the certificate] which should have been acted upon. The same considerations should have led in any event to the refusal of Hamilton's subsequent applications for renewal of his firearms certificate."

Hamilton was granted a firearm certificate in February 1977; his reason was that he was a target-shooter at a shooting club. At the time of his death he held more than one firearm of the same calibre, both pistols and revolvers but Lord Cullen is critical of a decision in 1986 to allow Hamilton to acquire a second 9mm pistol.

The reasons given were that

he was "active in competitionshooting throughout the country". But Lord Cullen says the statement was an exaggeration because of the scale of his purchase of 9mm ammunition in the proceeding years. There was no evidence that he was engaged in competition shooting to any significant extent "let alone throughout the country".

In 1992 he was given per-

mission to acquire a second 357 revolver but the report says there is no satisfactory evidence that Hamilton was



McMurdo: resigned his post yesterday

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engaged in competitive-shooting. "This does not inspire me with confidence that at least in the case of Thomas Hamilton there was good reason for the authority for additional handguns of the same calibre."

The report adds: "Thomas

The report adds: "Thomas Hamilton's authority to hold and acquire or purchase ammunition was renewed in 1992 and 1995 where, according to the purchases recorded on his certificate, he was not shooting to any significant extent."

Mr McMurdo received in-

formation about Hamilton's display of firearms to a family but decided no action should be taken. The information was not put in a firearms file relating to Hamilton although it should have been and it was not entered in criminal intelligence records.

A second warning in Nov-

ember 1991 in which a detective sergeant warned that Hamilton was an unsavoury character and unstable was also not entered in the firearms file though it should have been. The copy was not put in criminal intelligence records.

The report says Mr Mc-

Murdo had difficulty in envisaging cases in which a person could be shown to be "unfit to be entrusted with a firearm where there was no previous criminal conviction or pending case. Lord Cullen says that Mr McMurdo "adopted an unduly narrow approach in which he paid not much more than lip-service to the idea that a person could be 'unfitted' in the absence of a conviction or pending criminal case."

# Labour MPs call for closure of basement range

LABOUR MPs last night put down a motion calling for MPs to set an example and close the Palace of Westminster rifle range. But members of the House of Commons shooting club are adamant it should continue.

The 25-yard range, which lies deep in the bowels of the House of Lords, lies behind a securely locked door with a sign that declares: "Authorised personnel only. Contact control engineers prior to access." There are no directions to the club and it is extremely difficult to find. Members must have a full Westminster security pass and pay a subscription of £15 a year.

Most of the weapons used are 22-calibre single-shot rifles. Recently, however, some 22-calibre and 38-calibre pistols have been introduced. All weapons used are kept on the premises in a securely locked armoury.

armoury.

It is probably one of the few clubs that will meet the new ighter government criteria for shooting ranges. But a growing number of MPs on both sides say it is an embarrassment. Several women MPs are lobbying hard to make the cross into a creche.

space into a creche.

Tony Banks, MP for New-

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ham North West, who yesterday put forward the motion to close the club, said: "If these MPs carry on using the club, at the least it will be considered insensitive and at the worst arrogant and dangerous. We don't get many opportunities to set an example and this should be one of them."

A policemen in the Lords yesterday said: "The club will

and one evening a week. They use it to let off steam."

Unlike other Westminster sports clubs, the members of the shooting club are not listed anywhere but at least 50 of exist. The chairman is Michael Colvin, MP for Romsey and Waterside. Despite having refrained from shooting

vesterday, they say they will

be back. MPs use it every day

fight to keep the range going.

No one would defend the club publicly but one Tory member in the Lords said:
"The shooting is highly regulated and the range is checked regularly by Home Office inspectors." He added: "This range has been going since 1916, since the First World War, we can't just get rid of it in this knee-jerk way."

# Emotion must not sweep MPs into framing bad law

Parliament is likely to take the right decision over banning handguns, but is reaching it in an overhasty way. There is a strong case for banning guns that have the most tenuous sporting justification. The rationalisations of the gun lobby are tortuous and unconvincing. A clear-cut ban is likely to isolate illegal holders of guns more effectively than a partial ban.

The key point was the acceptance by Michael Howard that in Britain owning a gun is a privilege, while by contrast it is seen in America as a constitutional right. The force of public opinion has led the Government to bring forward much stronger controls than even Lord Cullen proposes, while Labour supports a complete ban.

Mr Howard and Jack

Straw put forward reasoned cases for their viewpoints. Mr Straw emphasised the problems of allowing 22 handguns in gun clubs even under much tighter security standards. Mr Howard argued that a ban might produce the same difficulties as in other prohibitions, by driving the use of handguns under-

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ground without strict security. Mr Howard rejected the call by David Mellor that the Bill should include alternative clauses, as occurred with the legislation on shop opening hours on Sundays and over time limits on abortions.

The opposition parties

The opposition parties have already said they will allow a free vote, though the Government will whip its MPs. A number of urban Tories, including Mr Mellor, Robert Hughes and Hugh Dykes, have said they support a total ban. Some rural Tories and allies of the gun lobby, such as Henry Bellingham, John Carlisle and Edward Leigh, were critical of the Government for already having gone beyond Lord Cullen's recommenda-

My hunch, however, is that a Labour and Liberal Demoorat proposal for a total ban would be approved by the Commons with the backing of a number of Tories and with others abstaining. The momentum is behind the Snowdrop campaign and the

call for a ban. Mr Forsyth was adamant yesterday that the Government had not changed its position, since it had not formed one until Tuesday when he and Mr Howard presented a joint was paper to their colleagues. But during the process of policy formation Mr Forsyth edged his colleagues towards a firm-

our has also strengthened its position in the past fortnight.

Mr Howard is keen for the necessary legislation to be in place by Christmas. While an urgent response is owed to the victims of Dunblane, I wonder if such speed is justified. Hasty legislation is often regretted and much amended later.

er line, which prevailed. Lab-

A tide of emotion leads to strong demands for action, and the Government with Opposition support rushes legislation through Parliament. Enthusiasts for instant action should first read the report of the Hansard Society Commission on The Legislative Process, published four years ago. This warned about the perils of ill-considered

legislation, notably the Dangerous Dogs Act of 1991 which went from publication to Royal Assent in six weeks, having gone through the Commons in a single day. Only the Lords gave the measure even semi-adequate consideration. But that law is widely seen as flawed.

There has, of course, already been a wider debate about lighter gun controls, not only in the Cullen report but in the enquiry by the Home Affairs Select Committee in the summer. But since the conclusions of both have been rejected, there is a case for at least a pause to consider the practical implications of the alternatives put forward by the Government and the Opposition.

Commons procedures already allow for special stand-

Commons procedures already allow for special standing committees to question witnesses on details of legislation. That would mean a delay of only two or three weeks at most. A ban on handguns is overwhelmingly justified, but, however strong the emotions. Parliament still has a duty to ensure that legislation works in practice,

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# Actors and vets will be allowed to keep weapons

VETERINARY surgeons are among the "few professionals" who will be exempted from the ban on the possession of handguns, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

There are no specific ex-

emprions from the ban," a
Home Office spokesman said
last night. "But groups such as
vets, which can make out a
convincing case, will be able to
apply to the Secretary of State
for a special licence to keep
handguns at home."

Athletics officials who use

Athletics officials who use starting-pistols and actors playing roles that require them to carry guns are among those who would be exempted if they applied, officials said.

A spokeswoman for the British Veterinary Association said.

A spokeswoman for the British Veterinary Association said, "It would have made vets' jobs horrendously difficult if this had not been allowed." There are about 3,600 veterinary practices in Britain. of which 1,000 deal exclusively with small animals such as cats and dogs and use lethal injections for euthanasia. But the remaining 2,600 use .32 and .38 pistols to kill incurably sick or injured large animals, such as farm livestock and horses.

Richard Jones, president of

Association, said: "Barbiturates can be used to put down
horses, but because of the
drug residues the carcass cannot then be used by hunk
kennels to feed their hounds,
which is the normal means of
disposal, and has to be expensively cremated."

**EXEMPTIONS** 

the British Equine Veterinary

The shotguns used by game shooters and kept by many farmers are excluded because handguns are defined as pistols or revolvers designed to be held and fired using one hand only.

Robin Peel, of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, representing 112,000 mainly game and clay pigeon shooters, said: "The vast majority of our members will be unaffected, but there will some farmers and game-keepers who keep pistols for close-quarter dispatch of wounded animals.

He added: "As a matter of principle, we regard it as extremely illogical that someone who is deemed an appropriate person to own one type of gun should be prohibited from holding another type of

'As a picture it is disappointing. It is of a standard of a nine-year-old boy'

#### 'Childish' Hitler painting fetches £2,500 at auction

A WATERCOLOUR of Vienna attributed to Hitler was auctioned yesterday for £2,500, almost three times the estimate. International auctioneers refuse to touch works connected to the Nazis but the painting, signed A. Hitler and dated 1911, was sold by a Lincolnshire firm.

The picture, 10in by 142 in. figures scurrying across a square. It was identified as a Hitler watercolour because of its poor quality. Robert Horner, an auctioneer and salesroom manager for Dickinson, Davy and Markham, of Brigg. said: "As a painting it is very disappointing. It is of a standard of my nine-year-old son."

It was bought by Michelle Donaldson, an accounts and finance lecturer at North Lindsey College of Technology, Scunthorpe, on behalf of her father, a foundry owner, who

is in America.

Jonathan Friend, of Hull Reform Synagogue, said: "It is distasteful that such paintings by Adolf Hitler are still available. No good can come from them and it is better that they

As far as the art market is concerned, the only thing in



Hitler was embittered by academy rejections

the picture's favour is the artist's name. Beyond that it has little going for it. The painting is clumsy and twodimensional and the composition, brushwork and imagery are as awkward and lacking in sensitivity as they are crude and lifeless. It illustrates perfectly why Hitler was turned down by Austria's Academy of Fine Arts.

Another auctioneer at the sale, Graham Paddison, said that it was the lack of quality Hitler's hand. He said that confirmation had come from a specialist in Third Reich and Nazi items, Michael Mackintosh. The type of paper was contemporary with the date.

The watercolour was sold with Third Reich memorabilia, including one of the funeral wreaths given by Hitler to the widows of high party officials. Mr Paddison said that the objects were collected from an apartment in Hamburg in 1945 by the seller.

The picture was painted after Hitler's repeated rejection from the Vienna academy, the records of which show that his drawings were dis-missed as "inadequate". An embittered Hitler, it is said. told a companion that the academy should be blown up. Historians have speculated on the course that history might have taken if he had been Philip Saunders, a leading

specialist in art and the war years, said: "These works are more interesting because of who painted them. I'm sure of that 100 per cent." He added that they had a "curio interest rather than an artistic interest" and that they were pur-



The watercolour of a Vienna square, dated 1911. Its lack of quality helped the auctioneers to identify the artist

chased by collectors of memorabilia rather than collectors of art. German musuems sought them for their histori-

Commenting on the difficulties of identifying Hitler's style, he said: "You have to rely on provenance, although you also have to prove the provenance.

Such works appear on the market every so often. In 1991. two of Hitler's floral images were offered at a Yorkshire

auction house and last year a watercolour was sold to an American for £9,500.

Mr Paddison said that his firm had since been offered another half a dozen Hitler watercolours: "We often sell Nazi and Third Reich items, mainly bayonets, daggers. flags and uniforms. Nobody condones what went on, but it is a collecting field in its own right. We're just the middlemen who seem to get into

Miss Donaldson said: "My dad told me he wanted it and, because he's in America, I came along for him. It's the first time I've ever been to an auction, or bid for a lot. But I

was determined to get it. "I was so nervous as the price went up and didn't know how much I was going to have to pay for it. He will be happy. I think he would have been upset if it had gone to someone

Hitler's interest in art was to

collecting it. His personal curator corresponded with his personal assistant almost daily and in minute detail about works Hitler that wished to accouire.

Thousands of works were collected for .Hitler's proposed museum in Linz, Austria, which he had planned to be the largest in the

#### Heirlooms of Parker **Bowles sell** for £30,000

By Alan Hamilton

CAMILIA Parker Bowles found herself £30,000 better off last night after selling a family heirlooms connected with a royal mistress of an earlier age.

The vases, urns, bowls and candlesticks made from the fluorspar mineral commonly known as Derbyshire blue John had been inherited by maternal grandmother, So-nia Cubitt, eldest daughter of Alice Keppel, mistress of Edward VII.

Nine of the 12 lots offered at Christie's South Kensington were bought over the telephone by Avocato Memmo, an American spe-cialist collector of blue John ware. Two lots went to other telephone bidders, while the



top individual price of £8,050, for an Hin-high ornamental urn, went to another anony-

not present to watch brisk telephone bidding push the collection to twice the overall estimate. One George IIIstyle bowl, valued at not more than £400, went for £1,500. She apparently had no objection to being identified in the sale catalogue, which

further stated clearly from

whom the collection had been

inherited.

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Parker Bowles: clearly identified as seller

mous buyer.

#### **Gladiators** star fined for attack on former husband

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE former Gladiators star Phoenix was sentenced to 150 hours of community service vesterday for beating up her ex-husband over custody of

their son.
Sandy Young, a kickboxer
who once held the title
Bodybuilding Miss UK, was told to pay compensation of £125 at the rate of £10 a week. Judge Mott, sitting at Worcester Crown Court, also sen-tenced Young's former boyfriend, Mark Eustace, 28, to 80 hours' community service and told him to pay £75 compensation for his part in

the attack. At a previous hearing, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that Young launched an attack of "wanton violence and revenge" on Stephen Young, her ex-husband, which left him with a broken ankle. She and Eustace had previously pleaded guilty to charges of

assault. Tom Storey, for the prosecution, said: "Mrs Young went to her ex-husband's house in a high temper, being aggresive and hostile." A fight had broken out between the two in which "both were injured to some extent".

"Once the violence stopped Sandra Young called to Mr Eustace, who had been remaining out of sight. He delivered a blow as a result of which Mr Young fell to the ground. Once on the ground both kicked out at Mr Young." It was only when Mr Young's girlfriend, Elsa Jones, came into the room that 🌇 Eustace, a metal worker, "came to his senses" and "tried to stop his co-accused from continuing her attack on Mr

Young and Miss Jones". Young. 31, who lives with her II-year-old son, was arrested on November 24 last year, three weeks after the attack. She was one of the first Gladiators in the LWT show and gave up her job at a chemist in Dudley, West Midlands, after being hounded by autograph hunters.

She was dropped from the programme in late 1992 for not coming up to scratch. She took up bodybuilding after the birth: of her son, Lee. A Gladiators spokesman said yesterday: "She simply didn't have the strength needed to

ompete un the show The programme is hosted by John Fashanu and Ulrika Jonsson and filmed at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena and has become cult viewing for millions.

After the case Young said: The whole truth has not come out and I am very upset about it. What was said in court and in the papers was complete



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# First night of cliffhanger swept along by blue-rinse tidal wave

which opened in Birmingham's National Indoor Arena last night, is as review-proof as any new musical will ever be. Advance sales top ES.5 million. More than a hundred nights of its 126-night British lour are already sold out. And touts proffered first-night tickets at up to ten times their face value to the hundreds of fans — known as "cliffhangers" in the trade — who his Birmingham like a blue-rinse tidal wave yesterday.

For their part, the fans outside the hall yesterday raved about the show even before the curtain rose. "The album already makes me cry: it's the best thing Cliff has ever done," said from Frome. Somerset, with her daughters, "The newspapers have always hated Cliff because he's nice and also successful," Gillian Parkinson, from Coventry, added, "He's still got the best voice and the best looks in pop."

Jill Armstrong. 33, and Barhara Byrne. 35, did not see the show but sat outside hoping for a glimpse of Sir Cliff. They were in no doubt about his ability to deliver a hit musical. "He's wanted to do this for so long and it's his dream. I'm sure he'll do well."



Cliff Richard has asked that his musical Heathcliff be given a fair chance by the critics, but his fans are already certain they are going to love it, Richard Morrison writes

last night.

wuthering. A search for the right

actress to play Cathy involved an

audition process almost as protracted as that for Scarlett O'Hara. Olivia

Newton John sang the part on the Heathcliff album, issued last year,

but at 47 was considered too mature to partner the 56-year-old Sir Cliff,

Helen Hobson took the role on stage

faith in the project, which was

inspired, he says, by a book that he has loved since he was a schoolboy.

He has declared that Heathcliff will

be "the pinnacle of my career", and

has sunk an estimated E2 million of

his own money in the project.

He has hinted that the five-month tour of Heatheliff, which takes in

Edinburgh and Manchester before

arriving at Labatt's Apollo in London

next February, will be his swansong.

If so, it will crown one of the most

However, Sir Cliff has never lost

Miss Armstrong said. But as Sir Cliff launched the spectacular £3.5 million adaptation of Emily Brontë's classic novel Wuthering Heights, he made a plea for a little critical understanding.

"I hope people just give me a fair crack of the whip," the singer said. "All I can do is do my hest." He also dismissed taunts that he is too old to play the wild man of the Yorkshire moors who, in the novel, dies at 38. "For years people have been telling me how young I look, I am the perfect person to play a 38-year-old."

His fears of a critical mauling may

be justified. The notion of this squeaky-clean British pop icon playing one of the most bitter and twisted figures in 19th-century literature has caused a certain merriment in cynical circles.

And at many points in its six-year genesis his Brontë project appeared to be withering rather than that his
entertainment. He has spanned five
decades, achieved 13 gold dises and
song on more than 100 hit records.
Last year he rivalled Dame Vera
Lynn as the prime attraction of the

Last year he rivalled Dame Vera
Lynn as the prime attraction of the
VE-Day celebrations. He was
knighted in June, shortly before he
led a rain-soaked Wimbledon Centre
Court crowd in a singalong medley of
his hits. Anyone less like the misanthropic Heathcliffe would be hard to
imagine — but that is the transforming power of drama.

Sir Tim Rice was recruited to distil

remarkable careers in 20th-century

Sir Tim Rice was recruited to distil Bronte's turbulent tale of dark, moorside vengeance into a series of pithy pop-song lyrics. John Farrar, who supplied some of the hits for the film Grease, wrote the tunes. And Frank Dunlop, former director of the Edinburgh Festival, was hired to stage the epic.

Stage it in epic style he has done.

Stage it in epic style he has done. His evocation of the Yorkshire moors involves 1,000 litres of smoke fluid and a hundredweight of snow in every performance, plus a technical staff of 200. Brad Jeffries, sometime choreographer for Madonna, added dance routines, including some bizarre sequences for tribal dancers. Emily Brontë unaccountably left them out of her novel.



Novel production: Cliff Richard as Heathcliff and Helen Hobson as Cathy

# Death car pair 'lied to dodge breath test'

By A STAFF REPORTER

A COUPLE swapped seats in an effort to beat a breath test as a man hit by their car lay dying, a court was told yesterday.

Clive Berry said that his wife was behind the wheel because he feared he was over the legal alcohol limit, Simon Temple, for the prosecution, told Manchester Crown Court. In fact Angela Berry. 40, was in the passenger seat.

They concocted the story after their car knocked down Keith Handley, 31, in Failsworth, Greater Manchester, in December. Mr Handley, who was crossing the road to meet his family in a pub, died the next day. Police are satisfied that the driver was not to blame.

Mr Berry, a sales manager, had drunk three or four cans of beer, Mr Temple said. He told police the following evening that he had been driving.

Mrs Berry, 40, told the jury:
"The man's family were there and 1 was frightened they might get nasty. I said I was driving because I thought they might be more sympathetic to a woman."

Mr and Mrs Berry, of Hepworth, west Yorkshire, deny perverting the course of justice. The trial continues.

# Duke loses inheritance on routine trip to vet

By Russell Jenkins

DUKE. a Yorkshire terrier from a line of 24 champions, was mistakenly castrated on a routine visit to the vet to have its milk teeth removed.

The operation, carried out by a Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals clinic in Salford, Greater Manchester, put an end to the ten-month-old puppy's chances of prolonging the line registered at the Kennel

chances of protonging me line registered at the Kennel Club as Lord of Landgate. Its owner, Elaine Digby, 42, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was hoping to put the pedigree dog out to stud.

Mrs Digby said that she took Duke in for an examina-

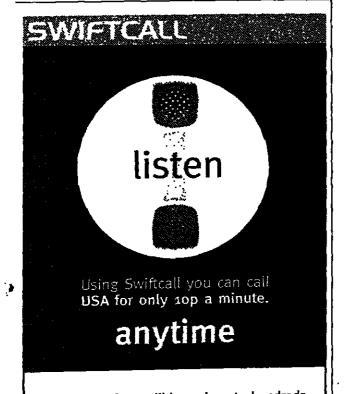
took Duke in for an examination five days before the operation and a vet asked her if she wanted it castrated at the same time. She said that she did not. After the operation, the clinic tried to charge her £25.

The dog is said by the family to be worth more than £200 and could have earned £100 a time in stud fees. Mrs Digby's husband, Derek, 48, said that the family had decided to give the dog away to a neighbour.

The RSPCA apologised for the error and promised to try to ensure that similar mistakes did not happen again.

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## £300m scheme to replace Bart's hospital by 2001

BRITAIN'S oldest hospital, St Bartholomew's, will close by 2001, the chairman of the NHS trust which manages it said yesterday.

The Royal Hospitals NHS Trust, which includes Bart's, announced a £300 million scheme to build a new hospital in Whitechapel, east London, which will replace Bart's and three other hospitals. St Bartholomew's has stood on the same site in Smithfield for almost 870 years. It was founded in 1125 to care for the sick and poor of the City of London and is the only one of the original medieval hospi-

tals occupying its original site. There will be a new 1.100bed hospital and a medical and dental school on the site of the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel. It will mean the loss of 1,000 jobs and 240 beds.

Sir Derek Boorman, the trust chairman, said: "In four years' time lfrom the start of buildingl, have no doubt there will be no acute hospital on the Smithfield site. There will be many who will not like it but the writing has been on the wall for 98 years." The closure of Bart's was recommended in an independent report in 1992. and confirmed in 1994 by Virginia Bottomley, then Health Secretary.

Sir Derek said agreement

The National Health Service needs £200 million immediately to meet its commitments to patients, the main employer organ-isation said yesterday. The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said waiting lists would lengthen and curbs would be imposed on nonurgent treatment this winter if more money was not made available. The association said an extra 4.5 per cent of nationts were treated between April and June and emergency admissions had risen by 13 per cent in

the past four years.

joint venture between the AMEC group and the Building and Property Group, to build the new hospital and lease it back to the National Health Service on a 30-year contract under the Government's private finance initiative. He declined to disclose the cost of the deal to the NHS, which is still being negotiated. Treasury approval also has to be obtained. Sir Derek said the deal would be clinched by the spring, and building would begin later next

If the cost proved prohibitive, or Treasury approval were withheld beyond the

general election, Bart's could still be saved. A study of the Royal London Hospital and Bart's by the Centre for Health Ecomomics at York University concluded that there would be only a small difference in running costs if both hospitals were retained, although the report's findings were heavily criti-

cised by the trust. Sir Derek said the Royal London buildings were "clapped out" and that running a trust on five sites was inefficient; defenders of Bart's were influenced more by their hearts than their heads.

The other hospitals to close are the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, the London Chest Hospital and the Mile End branch of the Royal London. The new building will be built and run by the Health Management Group with clinical services managed by the trust

Gerry Green, chief execu-tive of the trust, said it was obvious that switching from five sites to one would need fewer staff. A thousand employees were expected to go over five years, including doctors and nurses. "We will be driven by the contracts we get and they are moving away from us as more patients are treated in hospitals in the suburbs. We are well-placed because we



Jagger and Hall are said to be planning a divorce after he was reported spending the night with a model. A friend says it may just be "a salvo across the bows

# Jagger may bet millions that Hall is bluffing .

By Emma Wilkins and Frances Gibb

MICK JAGGER was working in Los Angeles on a film called Enigma yesterday as he tried to unravel a far greater mystery: does Jerry Hall really want a divorce?

Although Hall has consult-

ed Anthony Julius, divorce lawyer for Diana, Princess of Wales, Jagger doubts that she will follow through her threat to leave him after 20 years together. The 53-yearold Rolling Stone, whose personal fortune exceeds £110 million, asked his London agent to fax copies of British newspaper reports that Hall wants to end their

six-year marriage. Hall, who is the mother of three of his five children. threatened to leave him in 1992 after his much-publicised affair with Carla Bruni, an Italian model. This is a salvo across Mick's bows," a friend of Jagger's said, "Jerry has tried threatening to walk out before, but they have always got back

Jagger, whose production company is adapting the film from Robert Harris's counter-espionage thriller, has been enjoying himself in Hollywood in the company of Uma Thurman, an actress, and Jana Rajlich, a Czech model. Reports that Rajlich spent the night with him in a Beverly Hills hotel have infuriated Hall, 40, who lives in southwest London, with the couple's

children, Elizabeth. 13, James, II, and Georgia, 4.

Jagger is believed to have asked Hall to sign a prenuptial agreement before their Hindu wedding in Bali, but British matrimonial lawyers agree that she would be well advised to seek a divorce in the United States.

Mark Stephens. of Stephens Innocent. Paula Yates's solicitor, said that Hall should go to Los Ange-les if she wanted to "take him for every penny". "It would be surprising if somebody in her position wanted to divorce in this country," he said. "Normally we would see this happen in California, where he would have to give up 50 per cent of everything he owns. If it's in this country, she will get what is sufficient for her needs and the needs of the children."

The highest award made to British woman was to Soraya Khashoggi, a former telephonist, who received £500 million plus property from her billionaire ex-husband, Adnan, in a settlement in America in 1982.

When Jagger was sued for divorce in 1979 by his first wife, Bianca, he successfully contested her attempt to have the hearing held in the United States on the grounds that he was a British citizen and that the family lived in

Celebrity divorces, page 21

#### **Nolan supports Commons** inquiry into sleaze claims By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor to have forgotten that the cash-LORD Nolan last night gave his full backing to the House for-questions affair related to a regulate its own affairs.

of Commons inquiry into the cash-for-questions affair.

He was confident that Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, had all the powers necessary to conduct a full investigation. But he admitted that this was a powerful first test for the machinery his committee had proposed after its investigation into stan-dards in public life. He would be watching developments carefully.

Lord Nolan said: "This inany previously in the House because of the introduction of the independent commissioner who will carry out the initial investigation into the facts. He will do so as is now clear with all the powers which he needs."

But Lord Nolan was concerned that the public seemed

to launch

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pected. Retuning to avoid interference with video re-

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Tourist murder

A 13-year-old boy is to stand trial for the murder of a

British tourist in Sydney.

The boy allegedly stabbed Gawen Whalley, 22, from Dorset, with a butterfly knife

as he was walking home from

Village greening

A scheme to create 250 village

greens and urban "breathing spaces", using £10 million from the National Lottery

Millennium Fund, was laun-

ched by the Countryside Commission. Communities are being asked to apply.

Police arrested 13 people at

addresses in London, Kent and Surrey in connection with the import and sale of drugs from Holland. The raids were the culmination of

Road signs alerting motor

ists to red squirrels are to be erected on the Isle of Wight,

one of their last havens. The

island has an estimated 1,500

red squirrels. Up to 100 are killed on the roads each year.

Drug arrests

a 16-month operation. Squirrel alert

work in April.

period before the rules on MPs' interests had been tightened. The allegations against Neil Hamilton, the former Trade Minister, and David Willetts, the Paymaster General, took place before or during October 1994, when the Nolan committee was set up.

"There seems to be an impression among the public that MPs may be still at it ... But there has been an enormous change in the Commons since then, in the way Parliament has adopted a new MPs' interests, and in the way that complaints are investigated."

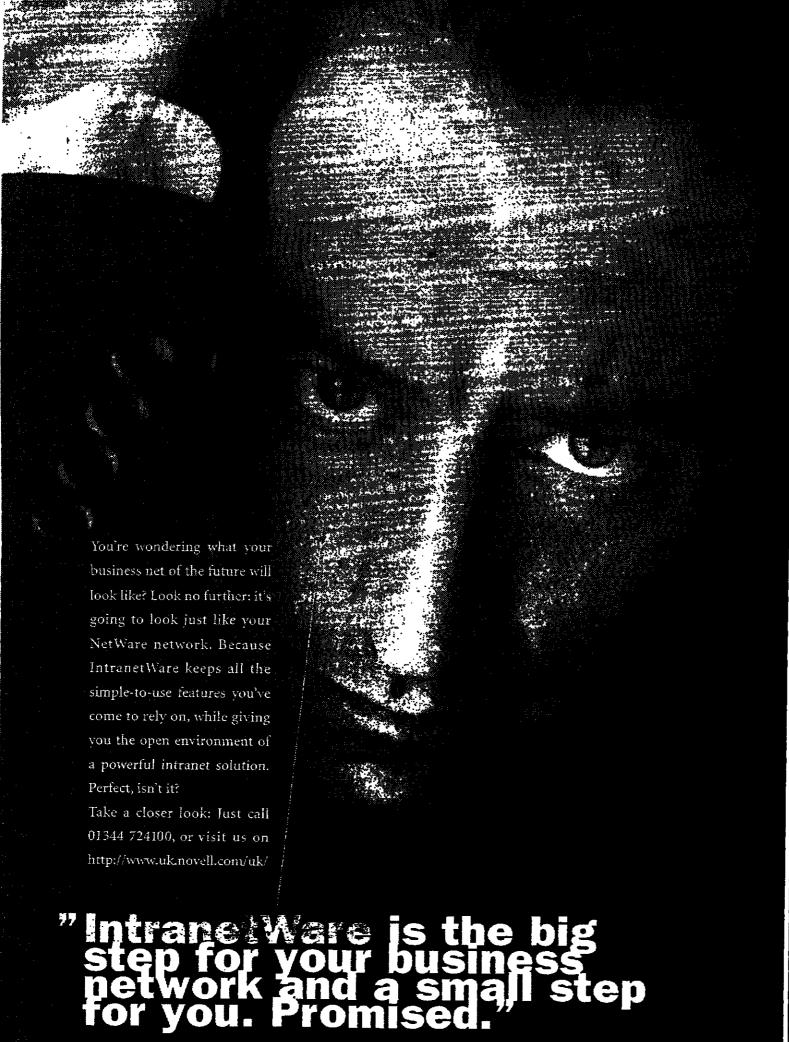
By setting up Sir Gordon's inquiry. Lord Nolan said he was pleased that Parliament was showing the public it could put its house in order. His committee had considered it extremely important that the

Commons should continue to

I have no doubt at all that Sir Gordon and the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges and every member of the House is acutely aware that they are expected to ensure this inquiry is conducted thoroughly, impartially, openly and with the greatest

He praised the speed and unanimity of the Select Committee and commended the seniority and integrity of MPs on it. "It is not a committee that is likely to let anyone off ine nook ii iney inink wro

has been done," he said. Lord Nolan has already said he intends to review the working of the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner on Standards next summer. If MPs and the public are unhappy with the procedures of the present inquiry this can be addressed at that stage.



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Novel

By David Charter, education correspondent

pupils and teachers alike."

al athlete for his age."

victim to racial taunts.

POLICE are investigating the death of a Sikh schoolboy who hanged himself days after describing the misery of being bullied in a poem praised by

Vijay Singh Shahiry, 13, also left a scribbled diary at home which read: I shall remember this for eternity and will never forget. Monday: My money was taken. Tuesday: Names called. Wednesday: My uniform torn. Thursday: My body pouring with blood. Friday: It's ended. Saturday: Freedom." On Sunday, his body was found hanging from the banisters of his home in

Vijay, who wore a turban, was the target of racial taunts from rival players and specta-tors when he played at junior football matches, police said. Phil Wrenn, of Greater Manchester Police, added: "We have interviewed pupils and teachers at Vijay's school and the early indications are that any bullying which did take place happened when he was travelling to and from

"It is too early for us to say whether this racial abuse and any bullying which may have



Vijay Singh Shahiry:

taken place led him to take his

Vijay died days after being given a merit award by his English teacher for his "excellent" writing about bullying. Vijay's family realised only after his death that his school work drew on a secret diary.

His mother, Nickey, said: "We were completely shocked. We discovered a diary of bullying in his jotter pad and that is the only due. His last school work was about bullying. He was a dream son."

Vijay's poem about bullies reads: "I'm frightened and scared, my body has been shaking, my mouth open wide and frozen, the tears drop as they destroy my face. Take my money and flee to where they can go. Bullies I call out, they have no feelings at all.

"Bullies are the people who have no feelings or emotions. They are people who are not so clever at things that others are. They do this because they have no skill for anything else and know they need no skills

"Bullies are bad and selfish people. They are also coward-ly people, cruel and evil people. They are more than all this but they're also guilty. They hurt us with words, hurt us with body contact, but not clever." His teacher wrote:

"Excellent work, Vijay." His mother said: "It is clear to me he was being bullied horrifically. The description in his project and in his jotter pad prove it. I wish he had told someone. He was very close to his family, but he didn't tell a soul. There were so many people he could have turned to

The school declined yesterday to discuss Vijay's piece of writing, which was his second on bullying. Barbara Howse, the head teacher, described him as an able boy, a superb sportsman and a brilliant

#### Head is asked to quit after exam result fall

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school headmaster has been forced to resign by governors, who are believed to be disappointed by a drop in A-level grades (David Charter writes).

Cheltenham College announced yesterday that Peter Wilkes, 55, would leave next August after seven years in the post. A-level scores fell this summer while rival schools saw grades increase.

Air Commodore David Atherton, the school secretary. said the college council had decided that a new head was needed "to carry the school

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A LEADING independent into the next century". The average A-level points per pupil this summer at Chelten-ham College, where fees are E12,000 a year for boarders, was 21.2, compared with 22 last year. At Cheltenham Ladies' College, students gained 27.2 points against 23.7 last Close School, A-level

were up from 24 to 24.3. Mr Wilkes announced earlier this year that the 600-pupil school, founded in 1841, was to become fully co-educational. He refused to comment on his apparent dismissal.

member of the school. "He was liked and respected by Nick Parry, Vijay's sports teacher, said: "He was an absolute superstar and a dream to teach sports to. I had no idea of him being bullied at school and staff in general aren't aware of a bullying young man and stood 5ft 8in. which made him an exception-ChildLine, the telephone advice service for children, said: "It is so important for people to pick up on signals from children about bullying, even if they are indirect. Children. and especially boys, find it very difficult to talk about this and even harder to talk about racist bullying."
Vijay, the eldest of six children, was a Manchester United Old Trafford because his father feared his son might fall Part of Vijay's poem. His family also found a secret diary about being bullied

#### MCC calls new vote on women members

By JOHN GOODBODY:

THE Marylebone Cricket Club will get another chance next year to vote on its ban on women members.

Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie. the new MCC president, ap-pealed to mentions in the club newsletter to consider a modern approach". Five years ago they voted by 4.727 to 2.371 to continue barring women from membership.

Mr. Ingleby Mackenzie said: We must not be fright-

ened by the opposite sex, who are keen cricketers and lovers of the game. It may be that a modern approach might be in the best interests of the club."

of the club."

Rachael Heybre Flint, the former England women's captain, who campaigned against the ban in 1991, said:
"This is absolutely splendid."
She added that the president's support would help women's chances.

The MCC's exclusion of women has debarred it from receiving lottery funding to help to redevelop Lord's for the 1999 World Cup.



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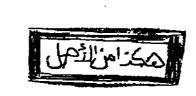
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Japan twin

town plan

plan to twin Weston-super-Mare with the Japanese port of Sakai-Minato has been andoned after protests

from former prisoners of war. The link was proposed by a local language student working in Japan. Alex Smith. 76. a former Royal Engineer captured in the Far East, said: "It's all very well

saying forgive and forget but

I can't and neither can the

thousands who went through

War crimes case

The pre-trial bearing at the

Old Bailey of the prosecution

of Szymon Serafinowicz. 85,

of Banstead, Surrey, who is

alleged to have killed three unknown Jews in Belorussia

during the war, was adjourned for further inquiries.

A network of mud springs

near Wootton Bassett in Wilt-

shire has won protection as a

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terest. But the springs, which

often produce fossils, are not

unique, as first thought. Oth-

ers have been found near by.

Abduction charge

A 51-vear-old man has been

charged with abducting a ten-

year-old girl in Paignton, De-

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#### Beer guide calls time on destruction of historic pub interiors

THE traditional British pub is as much in need of protection as stately homes and historic churches, according to the Good Beer Guide.

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The 1997 edition, published today by the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra), carries for the first time a national inventory of pubs whose unspoult interiors make them of outstanding importance to the national heritage. In Camra's view, they should qualify for

"Pubs do not figure highly in the minds of planning committees and regulatory bodies. Over the years buildings of invaluable national importance have been destroyed." Jeff Evans, guide's editor, said.

Research for the inventory

started in 1991, when Camra's pubs group, devoted to saving pub interiors from gutting and refitting, was hoping to find 500 unspoilt pubs worth listing. They have discovered 179, 72 of which are also recommended for the quality of their

The inventory includes some of the great Victorian and Edwardian "gin palaces" of the big cities with extrava-

work and mahogany fittings. Among them - "veritable cathedrals among historic pubs" — are The Bartons Arms in Birmingham, The Crown Liquor Saloon in Belfast, The Princess Louise in central London and The Philharmonic in Liverpool. The list includes less obvi-

ous gems with the warning: "Plain, rural beer houses time-warp establishments are probably the most threatspecies of our pubs." Typically consisting of one plain room, sometimes with a beer counter, such pubs are throwbacks to another age but still provide a living for often elderly licensees. Though lacking architectural refinement land thérefore not readily qualifying for the protection of statutory listing), they are, in many ways, the most precious of our pubs because so

few of them now remain." Research for the inventory suggests that no more than a dozen or so such establishments are left. All those that have been found are included in the list, among them The Drewe Arms in Drewsteignton, Devon, and The Red Lion at Ampney St Peter, Gloucestershire.

Great interwar roadhouses of the city suburbs figure



prominently, having proved prime candidates for transformation into themed eateries or nightspots. The guide says: They have suffered the pub world's equivalent of ethnic cleansing. Against such odds the survival of original 1920s and 1930s interiors, like those at The Nursery, Stockport, and The Three Horseshoes. Boroughbridge, seems in-

creasingly remarkable." Camra has co-operated with national amenity societies, English Heritage and local planning authorities in compiling its list. It is now asking for information about any intact or near-intact pub interiors that could be considered for addition.

The guide, while this year emphasising the threat to pubs, also says there are increasing pressures on beer. It cites opposition from Brussels to the guest beer law, the importation of more than a million pints of beer a day from French supermarkets and the European Commisto whether the traditional tied tenanted pub should be allowed to continue.

The best beers being sold today are better than ever, the guide says, and 68 new breweries have started in the past 12 months, all over the British Isles. "Britain now has over 400 brewers producing more than 2,000 real ales", Mr Evans said. The success of new brewers is clear from the Good Beer Guide's beers of

panies set up in the past two decades had taken the majority of the awards, and traditional family brewers the rest. "Only two national brewers get a mention, and those are for bottled beers."

Mr Evans added: "The beer scene has never been more colourful. There are more reasons than ever to visit the pub."
□ Good Beer Guide 1997

(Camra: £10.99)

#### von, on Sunday and will appear before magistrates in Torquay this morning. The girl was found on Monday on the outskirts of Exeter. Thrown together

A collection of 150 airline sick bags has been put on display by Worthing Museum. West

Sussex, after being donated by Jenny Davey, a hairdresser from Horsham. It is part of a display called My Favourite Things.

#### Wader watch

Birdwatchers gathered at dawn at Greenabella Marsh, near Hartlepool, for the first sighting in Britain of the great knot, an llin blackchested wader. It had strayed while migrating from Siberia to warmer climes.

#### Regulars give brewer's name change the bird

REGULARS at the Plough in Dulwich, southeast London, have been angered by a brewer's plans to rename the pub the Goose and Granite (Robin

There are already Goose and Granites near by in Catford and Clapham and Bass Taverns plans to refit 25 pubs to the formula by

the end of next year. Regu-

lars at the Plough collected 400 signatures on a petition objecting to the company's proposal, planning permission has been

Bass Taverns said: "We want to create a brand name to give customers a consistent standard and formula which they will find in every Goose and Granite they visit."

#### Businessman says MI6 backed 'betrayal' of Falklands war dead about the Argentine military. Mr this information to MI6 and was

By Michael Evans

A BUSINESSMAN who claims to have been a spy for MI6 says that his controller encouraged him to help Argentine Navy chiefs to refurbish their warships in breach of an arms embargo imposed after the Falklands invasion.

Clive Russell, 64, a former Royal Navy lieutenant and Tory councillor, has admitted taking part in a covert Argentine plot to buy vital

flagship destroyers. However, he accuses Britain's Secret Intelligence Service of doing nothing to stop the secret rearming programme, al-though he passed on vital intelligence about it.

He says that his M16 controller encouraged his actions, even though they were in breach of the embargo and a "betrayal of those who died in the Falklands war, because of the

Russell decided to reveal his part in what was called Operation Tigre and tonight he tells his story in a one-hour special programme for Channel 4's Dispatches.

Operation Tigre, allegedly mas-terminded by Admiral Edgardo Segura, former Argentine intelligence chief, was set up to procure spare parts worth up to \$30 million for warships that had become nonbenefits of gaining intelligence operational after the Falklands war.

Many were former Royal Navy vessels, replacement parts for which were unobtainable under the

Mr Russell says he was already working for MI6 in his capacity as a businessman in Argentina when he was approached in 1987 by Admiral Segura, who asked for help in beating the embargo to find parts for the Rolls-Royce engines in the Argentine Navy's frigates and destroyers. Mr Russell says he passed

told that it could not help directly but would not obstruct him. A company was set up in Ameri-

ca, which had no embargo, specifically to copy Rolls-Royce engine parts. He says that although this did not breach the British embargo, the operation violated the spirit of it by enabling the Argentine Navy to patrol the South Atlantic with effective warships.

His role as a spy for MI6 was

exposed, he says, and he was seized in a Buenos Aires street by a group of men who beat him up. He left Argentina in a wheelchair.

He tells the programme: "I feel terribly let down by MIo. I've been keeping this to myself for a very long period of time and it was only really because of the Scott inquiry [into the arms-for-Iraq affair] that I realised that the use of businessmen in this function would appear to be a fairly common practice.

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#### Sèvres Protocol found in desert archive

# Secret accord shows Eden lied over Suez

By Eve-Ann Prentice

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A SECRET document has come to light which proves that Sir Anthony Eden lied to Parliament and colluded with Israel and France to manufacture an excuse for bombing Egypt during the Suez crisis.

The document, which Eden tried to have destroyed, is signed by representatives of Britain, France and Israel who met several times at Sevres, near Paris, in October 1956 to discuss the plan to anack Egypt. The Israelis' copy of the Sevres Protocol was discovered in an archive deep in the Negev desert by a BBC team working on a documentary to be broadcast for the fornieth anniversary of Suez. After intense negotiations with the Israeli, French and British Governments, the BBC team was allowed to obtain a copy. This has been passed to The Times, which is making it public for the first time.

Under the protocol — signed 40 years ago next week -Israel was to attack Egyptian positions near the Suez Canal on October 29, then Britain and France would call on the Egyptian leader. Colonel Nasser, to allow Anglo-French forces into the area to ensure a clear passage for ships.

The deal, which was agreed only after reservations from Selwyn Lloyd, then Foreign Secretary, gave Eden the moral justification for the invasion of Egypt The Prime Minister. who resigned citing ill-health shortly after the Suez debacle, had been bent on a military confrontation with Nasser despite bitter opposition from the American administration of Dwight Eisenhower, a large section of British domestic opinion and members of Britain's senior military.

British and French copies of the Sèvres Protocol are thought to have been destroyed. The Israeli copy is signed by David Ben-Gurion. then Israeli Prime Minister, Patrick Dean, Assistant



Sir Anthony Eden, left, told MPs he did not know that David Ben-Gurion, the Israeli leader, planned to attack Egypt. The protocol proves otherwise

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Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and Christian Pineau, French Foreign Minister. Discovered at the Ben-Gurion archive in the Negev, it has until now been made available only to those people who were present at Sevres.

The protocol provides further proof that Eden lied to Parliament during the furore that followed the Anglo-French invasion at the end of October and beginning of November, 1956. In the House of Commons on December 20 Eden was asked, during a stormy session, whether he had had "foreknowledge" of Israeli intentions to attack Nasser's forces. He told MPs: "I want to say this on the question of foreknowledge, and to say it quite bluntly to the House, that there was not

foreknowledge that Israel would attack Egypt. There

was not."

Sir Donald Logan, Assistant Private Secretary to Selwyn Lloyd, was present at the Sevres meetings and was in the House on that day. He said from his home in central London: "I was the only person in Parliament that day who knew that this was not so." Speaking on the BBC documentary, Sir Donald says: "I thought to myself

you can't explain that away." Asked why he had not exposed the lie, Sir Donald told The Times: "It would have been disloyal to say the PM had lied. I think that, probably, the atmosphere has changed over the years, but I still think you can't run a successful Civil Service unless civil servants display loyalty and support."

Sir Donald says he believes the Israeli Government was anxious to respect Eden's wishes to keep the Sèvres document secret, at least during his lifetime. Eden, who was later created Earl of Avon. died in January 1977. His denial of foreknowledge transpired to be the last words he spoke in the Commons.

Sir Donald said the protocol, hastily typed in French on three pages, was signed on October 24. "I think champagne was produced but there was little sparkle in the atmosphere and Patrick (Dean) and I soon took our leave.

"On the following day ... we were instructed by the Prime Minister to return to Paris to ask the French to destroy their copy of the document. At the Quai d'Orsay we presented the Prime Minister's request to Pineau, who received it rather coldly and questioned the need and advisability of such action. He pointed out that the Israelis had returned to Israel with their copy the previous evening."

Jeremy Bennett, producer of The Suez Crisis, to be broadcast on BBCI next Tuesday. said: "The lesson of Suez is that, in the modern age, countries cannot unilaterally take military action without making sure they have a great degree of international support, particularly from the military superpowers.

"These lessons had been learnt by the time of Britain's campaign in the Falklands and in the war of the allied nations against Iraq in the



#### Village teachers hid album of rare royal photographs

By JOANNA BALE

AN ALBUM of historic royal photographs found hidden at the back of a school cupboard was donated to the nation yesterday. The 100 black and white pictures feature members of the Royal Family meeting officers on the Western Front in the First World War and visiting Victoria, British Columbia, from the 1890s to the 1930s.

They were taken by a Canadian photographer, Howard Chapman, and pre-sented to Bircham Primary

folk, by Queen Mary in September 1945. One handcoloured photograph shows the future Edward VIII dressed as a chief of the Blackfoot tribe when he was a teenage Prince of Wales.

The school, which has 29 pupils, yesterday presented the album to the Royal Com-monwealth Society photo-graphic collection at Cambridge University library. The original prints will be restored and put in archives but copies have been taken by

nadian soldiers in the First World War, including pictures of dead troops and mutilated horses lying in the mud of Flanders.

The school is five miles from Sandringham House and used to teach estate workers' children. The black leather album is believed to have been put at the back of the cabinet after teachers decided some of the war pictures were too disturbing for children. Three years ago it was discovered by Ann

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#### Jet committal

James Mullahy, 37, of Florida, was committed for trial next month on charges of drunkenness on a transatlantic flight and endangering the safety of the aircraft. He was remanded in custody and is due to appear in court again today.

#### 1,000th heart

Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, has carried out its 1,000th heart transplant. Martin Joyce, 58, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, received his new heart on September 25. Heart swaps began at the hospital 17 years ago.

#### Moth rescued

One of the rarest species of moth has been saved after a six-year conservation pro-gramme. Three reddish buff known habitat in 1987 but the moth now breeds on the Isle of Wight and in Hampshire.

in patrol cars.

Shock treatment Police in the City of London have become the first force in the country to be issued with defibrillators to save heart attack victims. The equip-ment, which electrically kickstarts" a heart, will be carried

#### Pilot's memento

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Greenspan: has focused on curbing inflation

IF PRESIDENT CLINTON is reelected on November 5. as seems ever more likely, he can thank the "feelgood factor". At rallies across the country, he is claiming all the credit for America's current boom. But many argue that he has been lucky. As Robert Samuelson, the influential Washington-based columnist, puts it: "The great fiction of this election is that the President is responsible for the economy."

Tony Blair's economic schemes closely resemble the Democrats' ambitious 1992 agenda. The Labour leader will be helped, if he becomes Prime Minister. by the fact that Britain is enjoying an upswing whose full effects have not yet been felt, much like America when Mr Clinton gained power. In words which should be

Critics of the President, who is riding high on America's economic upturn, say the great fiction of the election is that he is responsible for the recovery, **Bronwen Maddox** in Washington writes

music to Mr Blair's ears, Paul Krugman, a leading American economist, argues: "The way to be a two-term President is to ride into office on a recession that started under your predecessor, and to be re-elected on the strength of the recovery."

Four years ago, when much of America was in the doldrums, Mr Clinton campaigned on the slogan "It's the economy, stupid". Back on the campaign trail, he hammers away now at statistics showing that many "ordinary people" are now better off. He is not lying. America has for the moment achieved the economic nirvana of moderate, steady growth with low inflation. Unemployment is at a six-year low and ten million jobs have been created since 1992. Low interest rates have encour-

and have eased the burden on mortgage payers. According to The Washington Post this week, the experience of

aged companies to invest more

poorer people in America is much less rosy than the overall picture. "The new economy has showered its favours disproportionately on workers with more education and

In defending President Clinton's record. his supporters emphasise that the government deficit budget has fallen by 60 per cent. The deficit — the gap between the Government's annual income and spending — has a prominence in American politics which is mystifying to Europeans.

In the United States, the real

In the United States, the real significance of the deficit is symbolic, a powerful sign about whether the Government is out of control. Many Americans appear to feel, as Margaret Thatcher did, that if households and shopkeepers can

balance their hudgets, so should governments. On this symbolic level, Mr Clinton can claim full marks. But many argue that it is Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Bank chairman, who should be given real credit for current confidence. He has focused on beating inflation, even when that meant brief rises in interest rates. Peter Domenici, the Senate budget chairman who is close to Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, says that one of Mr Clinton's most successful actions has been to reappoint Mr

Greenspan for a third term.
Ironically, the President has two
policies — education and trade —
which may have a profound effect
on growth, but the impact will be
invisible for decades and they rank

well below the economy in his speeches. Mr Clinton makes too much of the Internet's ability to reach slum children, but his plan to give tax credits for school fees brings applause. Trade policy, hardly mentioned in the campaign, may prove even more important. Despite protectionists in both parties, he pushed through the North American Free Trade Agreement and the global General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Those pacts may eventually earn

Those pacts may eventually earn him a place in the history books; they stand head and shoulders above most achievements of his first term. But if Americans want to anoint someone as their economic champion on the basis of the past four years, they might do better to look to Mr Greenspan.

## Hoffa son stakes claim to lead father's union

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

HE IS a short, powerful man with piercing, pale blue eyes and built like a refrigerator. Midway through our interview he leans towards me and suggests, menacingly: "If you want to do a correct story on this election, you will go with whot. I tall you."

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One would normally ignore such a warning, but this is Jimmy Hoffa, son of the legend who with Mafia help built the Teamsters into the world's most powerful but infamous union before vanishing 21 years ago. I am disinclined to argue: we are alone in the anteroom of a hall in industrial Cleveland, and outside the door 300 beefy supporters have gathered to greet him.

The election is for the Teamsters' presidency, and Mr Hoffa is battling to unseat Ron Carey, the incumbent, in a contest so vicious that the race for America's presidency looks positively cuddly.

Mr Hoffa claims Mr Carey's presidency has been a disaster that has bankrupted his father's union, betrayed its members and left it impotent. He calls him the witting "tool" of a Government bent on keeping the Teamsters weak. He vows to return the union to its glory days when his father boasted he could "shut down everything that moves" and Robert Kennedy called him "the most powerful man in the country next to the President".

Mr Carey insists he is reversing the union's long decline. His campaign has published a 33-page booklet documenting Mr Hoffa's alleged ties to mobsters, and calls "Junior" the "front man" for a corrupt old guard fighting desperately to regain power before Mr Carey purges

them.

Mr Hoffa is a 55-year-old labour lawyer who never held a genuine blue-collar job and had to be given a sinecure by a Detroit Teamsters' local (branch) to be eligible to run. He has little to offer save a potent name, and even then his memory is highly selective.

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Hoffa Sr. vanished in July 1975

force of 2.2 million members, tripled their wages, gave them middle-class status and was "one of the great labour leaders of the century". The 1992 movie Hoffa, starring Jack Nicholson, "didn't portray his warmth and commitment to working people", he said.

But beyond admitting that "none of us are saints" he will not discuss how his father allied himself with the Mafia, let it use the union's vast pension funds to build Las Vegas casinos, and allowed mobsters to turn locals into personal fiefdoms. In 1957 the Teamsters were expelled from the labour movement.

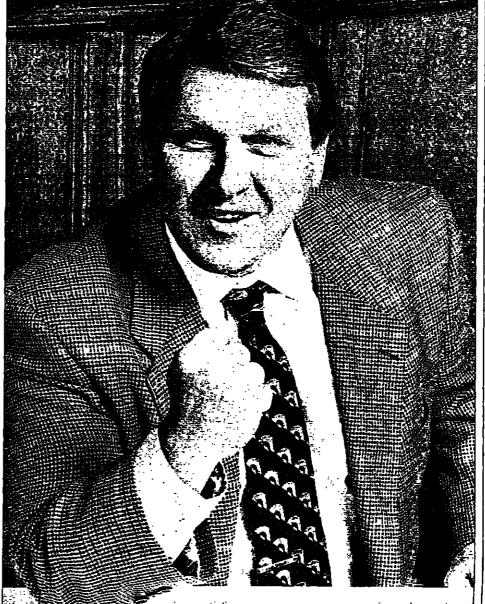
This autumn's ugly confrontation is the result of that criminality. In 1967 Hoffa went from the Teamsters' Capitol Hill headquarters — to jail. After four years President Nixon pardoned him.

When he tried to regain the presidency from his hand-picked Mafia-backed successor, he was lured to a meeting outside a Detroit restaurant on July 30, 1975, and disappeared. His son says he was murdered by "people with links to organised crime" because "they didn't want my dad coming back".

Hoffa vanished but the corruption persisted. Another president followed him to prison. A third died before being convicted. Finally, in 1989 the union averted a federal racketeering suit by agreeing to hold its first free leadership election and let independent investigators root out corruption.

Mr Carey, a former New York van driver, won that poll. He has sold the union's two jets and stretch limousines, removed 200 corrupt officials. cracked down on those collecting multiple salaries, and put 65 of the Teamsters' 579 locals into "trusteeship" for offences ranging from extortion to Mafia infiltration. One was the Chicago empire William Hogan, Mr Hoffa's runningmate, inherited from his father and used to steer lucrative contracts to his family. "I'm living proof that nepo-tism works," Mr Hogan once

At the Cleveland rally Mr Hoffa promised to restore the locals' autonomy, end government interference and "crusade to take back this great union". He pumped the air with his fist as the crowd chanted: "Hoffa! Hoffa!". People handed him \$100 notes. It seemed impressive until one spoke to the supporters individually. Some were ordinary members drawn by the Hoffa name. The great majority turned out to be local Teamster officials - apparatchiks from the union's Jurassic wing desperate to preserve their fat livings.



Jimmy Hoffa Jr. "If you want to do a correct story, you will go with what I tell you"

# Touch of glitter for mourners

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

AN AMERICAN undertaker is launching a line of fashion jewellery for the bereaved. It is intended to help those who have been left behind to flet go of the dear departed.

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The range of brooches and necklaces, including broken-heart designs and teardrops, will be unveiled at next week's National Funeral Directors' convention in Ohio, "Cremation jewellery" is the official term, but "mourner chic" might also do.

might also do.

The pieces, which range in price from \$1,900 to \$10,000 (£1,200 to £0,300), have been created by Lester Lampert, agent expert who has designed jewellery for such luminaries as television's Barbara Walters and the agony aunt Ann Landers. Mr Lampert also designed the official paperweight that marked the Pope's visit to Chicago.

In collaboration with Terry Dieterle, an Illinois undertaker, he has assembled baubles for grieving families. The items are hollowed out and filled with some of the dead person's ashes or perhaps a lock of hair taken from the corpse — a practice not unknown in Victorian England.

The Dieterle/Lampert collection, with gems or gold, can be placed in show boxes made of cherrywood that can be placed on the mantelpiece as a conversational aid during post-funeral silences.

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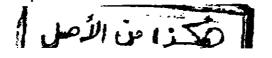
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Commissioners rebuff Santer to leave sanctions loophole for governments

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#### Drug-case **Briton** faces hell of Gulag

FROM RICHARD BEENTON

IF THE British teenager. Karen Henderson, 13, accused of smuggling cocaine into Russia, is found guilty and sentenced today she will face prison conditions straight out of the pages of Alexander Solzhenitzyn's harrowing accounts of the Gulag.

While much of Russian socicty has changed in the five years since the break-up of the Soviet Union, the prison system remains an unreconstructed monster, described in one recent United Nations report as "inhuman".

With the prosecution calling for a seven-year custodial sentence, Miss Henderson could become the first British prisoner to be sentenced to a Russian jail term.

At the trial vesterday, Claudia Skulina, the prosecutor, told the three-judge panel that Miss Henderson knew exactly what she was doing when she flew from Havana to Moscow last February and was caught by Customs officers with IOlb of cocaine concealed in two false compartments of her suitcase. Sergei Lebedev. the presiding judge, is due to deliver his judgment today.

In the event of a guilty verdict, her most likely destination would be the work camp for foreign prisoners:in Mordovia, a region some 500 miles southeast of Moscow, Most of the inmates are Chinese and Vietnamese workers and businessmen. But there is also a growing number of Westerners, including two Dutch citizens who were gling earlier this year.

A Dutch diplomat, who recently visited the facility; reported that although the prison was clean and appeared orderly, the living conditions were "very poor". However bad life is in the

penal camp, it is bound to be an improvement on Miss Henderson's current conditions in Moscow's Butyrka remand prison, where she has had to share a cell with 70 women. Hygiene is very poor and disease is rife.

#### **Brussels** sets stiff terms for budget delinquents

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday approved a scheme for stiff penalties against states which run high budget deficits inside monetary union. But, in an unusual rebuff to Jacques Santer, its President, and to Germany, it left open a loophole that could soften the blow for delinquent governments.

The 20 Commissioners backed a system for big financial sanctions to enforce permanent fiscal virtue among states that espouse the euro in January 1999. However, the Commissioners rejected the executive's plan for a narrow definition of the special circumstances which would let offenders off the hook. Mr Santer and Yves-

Thibault de Silguy, the monetary Commissioner, found themselves caught in a vice. Germany, the driving force behind the so-called stability pact, brought heavy pressure for a figure to define the minimum economic downturn that would exempt a country from sanctions, Mr Santer, who is already under fire from Helmut Kohl, the

German Chancellor, for allegedly weak leadership, warned his colleagues of German ire if they rejected the desires of Frankfurt and Bonn, Commission sources said. However. President Chirac of France telephoned before the session to urge Mr Santer against setting a figure, sources said.

The Commission's draft had proposed a year of negative growth of 1.5 per cent of gross domestic product as the threshold for ruling that a country was suffering from the exceptional circumstance of recession. Commissioners from all states except Germany, The Netherlands and Austria rejected the approach in favour of allowing latitude to take account of all circumstances at the time. Neil Kinnock and Sir Leon

Brittan, the two British Com-missioners, joined their colleagues in a fierce rejection of rigid thresholds, Commission sources said. Sir Leon argued that, while everyone favoured being pushed around by the Bundesbank, continental sources said. The special cir-



Jacques Santer, left, and Yves-Thibault de Silguy announce the proposals yesterday for ensuring budget stability under a single currency

cumstances envisaged in the pact could stem from a recessionary cycle or be triggered by external upheaval, such as natural disaster or events such as the collapse of communism and German reunification, M

Mr Santer hailed the Commission's approval of the pact and other measures for linking non-EMU states with the

de Silguy said.

currency as proof that Europe was "on the home straight" for The scheme, which is to be

completed by EU leaders in Dublin in December, is aimed at deterring states from stray-ing from the tough budgetary limits set out in the Maastricht treaty. The idea was born of the German desire to ensure draconian budgets next year, to qualify for the Maastricht criteria, stick to the rules once they are inside the new zone.

France, Italy, Spain and other states are all in the throes of passing exceptional "Maastricht" budgets, but Germany doubts the ability of the Mediterranean states in particular to stay the course.

tions, countries which fail to mammoth fines that would threaten political upheaval. This prospect is causing states correct deficits of more than 3 per cent of GDP will have to pay up to 0.5 per cent of their such as France, Italy and Spain to seek a flexible ap-GDP into a central fund after ten months. If they fail to proach to the sanction plan. return to virtue, the funds will become a fine and after two years a new deposit will be

required. Continued profliga-

cy over a long period could

Mr Santer said the stability pact and plans for a new Exchange Rate Mechanism. also approved yesterday, had closed the gap in the Maas-

#### **Strikes threaten Paris** with traffic-jam chaos

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH public-sector trade unions hope to cause widespread chaos today when civil servants, teachers, air traffic controllers, health, rail and power workers strike in protest over the Government's austerity drive to meet the criteria for economic and monetary union (EMU).

Today's one-day strike, the first big upsurge of industrial unrest since last winter's crippling stoppages, is a critical muscle against the Government's determination to push through painful cuts in the name of a single European

Many government offices will be closed and striking rail workers are expected to reduce mainline train services to a third of normal, although the Eurostar service between Paris and London is likely to

be unaffected, officials said. Metro and bus services in Paris predict only marginal disruption, but suburban

will be reduced drastically, forcing many commuters to take to their cars. City officials warned motorists yesterday of big traffic jams on roads in and out of Paris.

Air traffic is also likely to be disrupted by the protest. Long-distance flights may survive largely unscathed, but domestic and medium-haul services are expected to be cut to a fraction of normal service. to join the strike, with gas and electricity workers, but power cuts are not expected.

The strikes are timed to coincide with continuing parliamentary debate on next year's budget, which freezes spending and cuts about 6,000 civil service jobs as part of the drive to qualify for the single currency in 1999. Civil service wages have been fro-zen since last year and the strikes reflect rising anxiety over unemployment, now at a record 12.6 per cent.

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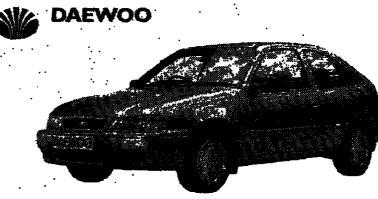
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#### Father says he slit throat of Belgian paedophile FROM LEYLA LINTON

IN BRUSSELS

A BELGIAN ambulanceman has admitted slitting the throat of a paedophile given a suspended jail sentence for sexually abusing the man's handicapped daughter, legal

sources said yesterday.
The man, not identified, told authorities he killed Edgard Claes with a kitchen knife last Friday in rage at the sentence. Claes, 47, had been convicted last week of abusing the 11year-old twice in 1995.

The case comes amid widespread outrage over the dismissal of the judicial investigator into Belgium's child sex abuse and murder scandals. Jean-Marc Conneratte had won the people's trust and his removal has united the linguistically divided

Unofficial strikes by public workers spread yesterday in protest at the weekend decision by the Cour de Cassation. or Supreme Court, to remove Mr Connerotte from the Marc Dutroux case. It ruled he had shown bias by attending a dinner in support of parents of missing children.

Thousands of transport workers, car workers and firefighters have all taken part in strike action and demonstrations in the past two days. About a dozen protesters have vowed to stay outside Brussels' Palais de Justice until Sunday, when more than 50,000 people wearing white will march through the city to remember six kidnapped girls, four of whom were murdered. Mr Doutroux has

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#### China vows to stop Hong Kong press criticising leaders

QIAN QICHEN, the Chinese Foreign Minister, raised the political temperature in Hong Kong yesterday by saying that after the transfer of sovereignty next year, the territory's an-nual demonstrations against the Tiananmen Square massacre will be illegal and the press will not be allowed to criticise China's leaders.
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journalists of The Asian Wall Street Journal, Mr Qian said that dissidents must obey the law and cannot "hold political activities which directly inter-fere in the affairs of the mainland of China". Asked if that prohibition specifically included the Tiananmen memorial demonstrations that take place in Hong Kong each year, the Foreign Minister said: "That kind of thing."

As for the media, Mr Qian said they would be banned from "putting forward person-al attacks on the Chinese leaders. That would not live up to the morality of the occupation and is not comparable with personal moral ethics as well." Asked where these issues were stated in the law, Mr Qian said: "There is no stipulation on whether there can be attacks or not be attacks. I do not believe laws will make such stipulations." Asked if people would be

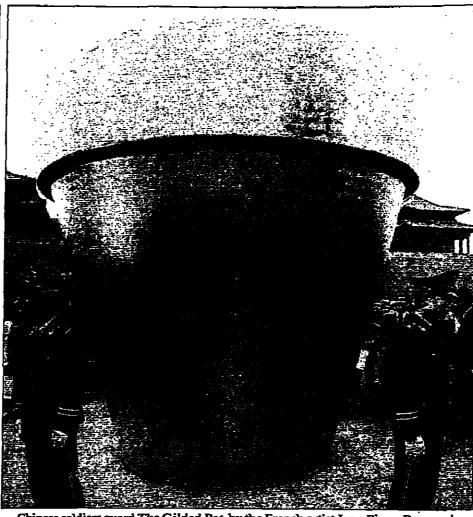
iailed for anti-Tiananmen protests or personal attacks on leaders, Mr Qian replied that, as with those who actually demonstrated in the square in 1989, "they cannot possibly all live in jail for the jail is not big enough". A Government House spokesman said last лight: "Bang goes One country, two systems, and bang goes the rule of law."

The Foreign Minister was far more conciliatory on the conflict with Japan over islands in the East China Sea. The tiny uninhabited atolls, called Diaoyu by the Chinese and Senkaku by the Japanese. are under Japanese rule and have been the focus of demon-

strations in Hong Kong, Taisaid the islands belonged to China, Mr Qian added: "The issue should be resolved through diplomatic negotiations. If conditions are not ripe, it can be solved later." This has been the Chinese position for two decades and is regarded as weak-kneed in Hong Kong and in Taiwan.

He took a similarly long view of United States bases in Asia. China generally pre-ferred countries to keep their troops at home, Mr Qian said, but added that "the situation left over from history exists" and the treaty under which America protects Japan "is absolutely understandable". Preparing the way: Winston Lord, the US State Department's senior East Asian specialist, was in Peking yesterday for talks with Chinese officials in preparation for the visit next month of Warren

Christopher, the Secretary of



Chinese soldiers guard The Gilded Pot, by the French artist Jean-Pierre Raynaud, which is on display in Peking's Forbidden City, near the Gate of Supreme Harmony

MORE than half of the popu-

lation of the United States is

now officially fat, according to

the latest findings. It is the

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A meeting of the North

American Association for the

Study of Obesity heard that,

under a new method of gaug-

ing fitness, 59 per cent of

American men and 49 per

cent of women fall into the fat

category. Two age groups were noticeably plump: the

over 50s and children. In the

late 1970s, only a quarter of the country's adult population was officialy regarded as

being overweight.

Katherine Flegal, a researcher with the National
Centre for Health Statistics,

said that the prevalence of

television remote controls

may have helped to create the

problem. Viewers no longer

lean in America.

Couch potatoes inflate

US figures on obesity

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even have to rise from their

armchairs to change channel.

She added that, with people

afraid of crime, they some-

times decide against leaving

endless proclamations on

American television about di-

ets and exercise are no match

for the big helpings tradition-ally served by the country's restaurants and the fatty con-

Albert Stunkard, a scientist

at the University of Pennsyl-

vania, blamed "just eating too much", while Tim Byers, of

the University of Colorado,

said: "It has been clear for

years that Americans are get-

ting fatter but that process is

accelerating. That is trou-bling.". Ms Flegal reported

that cholesterol levels and

blood pressure were being

kept in check, but diabetes

appeared to be on the rise.

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#### Warning of Golan offensive by Syria

By Christopher Walker and Tom Rhodes

NEW fears of a clash between Israel and Syria arose yester-day after a top Israeli intelligence officer gave a warning in the Knesset that Syria was preparing for a possible mili-tary attack if it concludes that there is no peaceful way to regain the Golan Heights, lost in the 1967 war.

The officer spoke as statecontrolled Damascus Radio broadcast its most belligerent commentary in recent weeks, accusing Binyamin Netan-yahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, of acting against peace and massing more troops on occupied land in southern Lebanon and the Golan.

At the same time, Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, angrily rejected the latest Israeli plan for redeployment in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. On a visit to Cairo, Mr Arafat said of the plan to divide the city and allow Israeli troops the right of hot pursuit into Palestinian areas: It is a dangerous operation. It shows Israel's aggressive intentions in Hebron."

Israel television reported that Brigadier-General Amos Gilad, head of research in military intelligence, told the Knesset defence committee: The Syrians are talking about a military option, are preparing for it and it will be implemented in accordance with developments."

Although the session took place behind closed doors, identical accounts of the warning appeared in the press. Haaretz quoted the general as saying that the aim of military action - for which training was already under way would be to try to impose a diplomatic solution on Israel.

The White House reacted with scepticism last night to the general's claims, but said the response of the United States to any Syrian attack would be very strong.

Analysts in America are convinced that President Assad, who often sends conflicting signals about his intentions, is too wary of defeat by Israeli forces to risk conflict over the Golan.

A senior official at the National Security Council said: "We are watching the situation very closely."

# Japan in range of missile P. North Korea is prepartest a mediumwith the missile

ing to test a medium-range missile with the potential to threaten Japan, heightening tensions here (Robert Why-mant writes). Japan's Self-Defence Agency said yester-day that North Korean observation ships were in position in the expected impact area in the Sea of Japan. A US reconnaissance satellite confirmed that North Korea had moved the launch platform of its Rodong-I missile, which has a range of 600

miles, out of its base in the east. So far, Pyongyang has given no warning of an immi-nent test. Regional tensions have been high after North Korean commandos landed in South Korea last month.

#### Kasparov check

Jerusalem: Natan Sharansky, the Israeli Trade Minister and a former Soviet dissident, was victorious in one of a series of simultaneous matches played here by the grandmaster, Garry Kasparov. (Reuter)

#### Croatia joins up

Strasbourg: The Council of Europe has decided to admit Croatia as its fortieth member after a delay of six months caused by human rights concerns in the former Yugoslav republic. (Reuter)

#### Kidnap arrests

Frankfurt: Police searching for Jakub Fiszmann, the kidnapped German millionaire. have arrested five people and recovered a DM4 million (£1.6 million) ransom, but did not 🗻 find the captive. (AP)

#### Nigerians freed

Lagos: Three opposition leaders jailed on suspicion of murdering the wife of Chief Moshood Abiola, the selfdeclared president of Nigeria who is imprisoned, have been freed after four months. (AFP)

#### Mosquito order

Delhi: Indian ministers told Delhi officials to prosecute home owners who fail to eradicate mosquitoes, which have caused a dengue fever outbreak in which more than 150 people have died. (Reuter)

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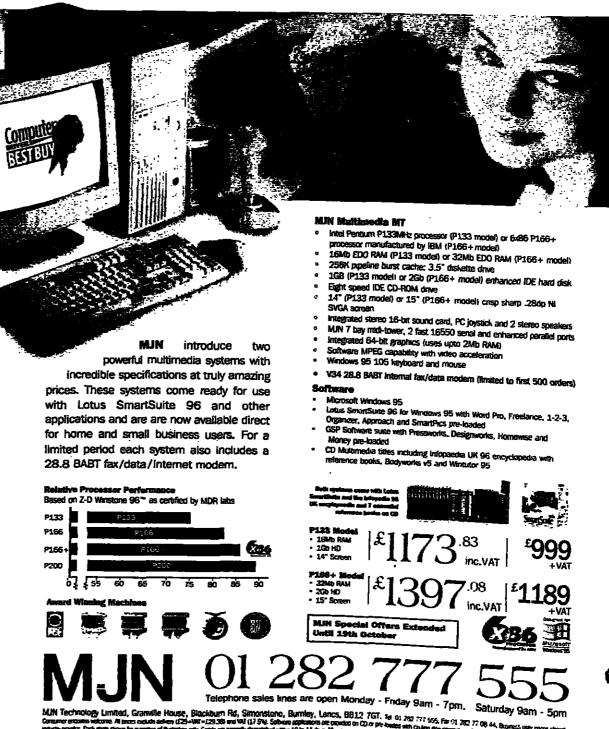


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#### Ousted Government warns Taleban forces to abandon Kabul or face bloodbath

# Thousands flee as battle for Afghan capital sharpens

THOUSANDS are fleeing the battle for control of Kabul, raging 12 miles north of the Alghan capital at the foot of the Hindu Kush mountains. despite peace talks between the city's Taleban rulers and a northern warlord.

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The war intensified yesterday in both words and weapons. The ousted Government warned Taleban to quit the city or face a bloodbath: Talcban replied by sending its decrepit Russian warplanes on bombing runs,

The immediate objective of government forces is the seizure of Bagram military airbase, near the heavily fortified Panjshir Valley where General Ahmed Shah Masood, their military commander, has his headquarters. He said that Taleban, which captured Kabul three weeks ago. was being offered a last chance for peace. Its troops should get out or they would be pushed out.

Villages around Bagram are emptying as people escape intense close quarters lighting. The fall of the airbase would enable General Masood to bring his warplanes. believed to be parked in Kunduz province in the far north, close to the battleground. General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord who is a military ally,

Dostum's



Christopher Thomas reports from Kabul as the Islamic forces reply to an ultimatum by sending in their warplanes

could then also bring fighter planes to Kabul's doorstep if he joins the attack.

General Dostum's forces are still not taking part in the fighting, but there is joint discussion of strategy and a sharing of resources. He has greater firepower than General Masood, who had to leave much of his hardware behind when he abandoned Kabul on September 27, and is capable of intense bombardment of the city, three lifths of which is estimated to have been destroyed in earlier battles. General Dostum held peace

talks yesterday with Mullah Muhammad Ghaus. Taleban's acting Foreign Minister, Afghan sources said. They said the meeting at Qala-i-Jangi fort outside Mazar-e Sharif, near the Uzbek border, was also attended by Naseerullah Babor, the Pakistani Interior Minister. The talks are due to continue today.

Despite that, General Masood appears to want to dominate the offensive, It still

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Masood's

rankles with him that when he rode triumphantly into Kabul in April 1992 after the fall of the Communist Government he did so on a Dostum tank. His forces fanned out through the city in a meticulously planned operation in which the police stations were first disarmed, followed by the establishment of roadblocks at strategic points, It was over in hours and without heavy shelling. He seems to want to repeat that slick operation.

Taleban's planes have bombed the town of Jabal os-Siraj where General Masood has set up his forward base. There were few casualties but property was damaged. Earlier this week the small town of Charikar, to the south, was also bombed. The sound of aircraft sends everybody dashing for cover: low clouds moved across the area yesterday afternoon, bringing an opportunity for people to flee in safety. Shirmohamad Stanekzai, a

minister in Taleban's Foreign Ministry, warned Russia against aiding General Masood last night. He said that Russia, which is worried by Islamic extremism in the region, had threatened to intervene if Taleban forces reached the border of the former Soviet republics. "If they interfere in our affairs, we are ready to create problems for them by interfering in theirs," he said. Muliah Muhammad Mutagi, the Taleban Culture and Information Minister, said that Kabul had been reinforced with 5,000 additional soldiers brought from the



A girl brings food for her family at an Afghan refugee camp in Peshawar, Pakistan

south, though there was no obvious evidence of that on the city's streets yesterday. He spurned an offer by General Dostum for Kabul to be controlled jointly by all sides. The 'killers' of the old Government would not be allowed to

return "We will cleanse the rest of the country of the enemies of Afghanistan," he said. Afghanistan would be purified. Reports that young men were being rounded up and forcibly recruited into the Taleban army amounted to propaganda spread by the ousted Government. Taleban had come to save the people, not oppress them, he said.

This is not a sentiment widely shared by the citizens of Kabul, where repression is intense and intensifying. There is fear of renewed fighting in the capital and those with the resources -

who are few - are getting out. Many families were boarding buses at the bus station yesterday for the long journey to the Khyber Pass and the bleak safety of Pakistan.

Pakistan is desperate to rid itself of Afghan refugees, who have contributed significantly to the country's culture of violence and destabilised its North West Frontier Province. a principal centre of the international drugs trade.

#### Lone woman runs risk of militia's vengeance to care for 800 orphans

By Christopher Thomas

THE 800 children of Kabul orphanage are hidden victims of Taleban's ban on women working. There is nobody to care for them, save for an elderly cook, a few male minders and one brave woman who turns up secretly every day. She has been beaten once

by Taleban soldiers for being on the street without good reason - women are allowed out only for shopping - but she continues to make her way to the squalid, windowless institution each day. "The children need a little love." she says. She hurries home at dusk, hoping a Taleban patrol will not spot her.

The orphanage has not a single toy, not one game, no heating or lighting, and precious little food. The children have tea and dry bread for breakfast. For lunch and dinner, there is peas, beans and rice. There is no money for meat: the institution has faced financial crisis since Taleban captured Kabul last

It is financed partly by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicel) but much of the money is reportedly not get-ting through. There are inmates as young as six months and as old as 20. Some were left by mothers too poor to

feed them.

The kitchen is a filthy, sootcovered dungeon with openings for smoke to escape. Giant iron cauldrons are heated by wooden fires; the cook. who cuffs children sneaking an extra handful, stirs the pots with a shovel. It is pure Oliver Twist Children sit on benches in silence at ranks of bare tables. The ione woman fusses around — a heroine who could be flogged or lose a limb for this kindness.

She worked at the orphan-

age before Taleban came. when there were 30 women teachers. "How can we abandon these children? They have nothing left. I can give them a little affection. It is not enough but it is all I have." She no longer gets paid and is sinking into poverty. She is a widow with children of her own: her previous salary of 90.000 afghanis (£4) a month

enabled her to survive.

Another widow arrived in full burga to see the five children she recently abandoned. She threw off her veil contemptuously: until Taleban came she never wore one. Across the wall, in a large mom lined with cots was written "We trust in God." A dozen babies cried in their cots or crawled around. untended.

There are 290,000 children in Kabul aged under five, according to Action Contre La Faim, which conducted a survey of child nutrition. One third of all children are sick: half are moderately or severely stunted. Half have no father. Before the Islamic fighters arrived, it was estimated that Kabul had 24,000 acutely malnourished child-ren. Because their mothers are not allowed to work, the figure must now be substantially higher.

Women have died during childbirth in Kabul since Taleban came because they were too afraid to go to hospital. Doubtless some children have died for the same reason. It is estimated that one child in six dies in Kabul before the age of five one of the world's highest mortality rates. There are countless child beggars in the capital. Mothers, fully veiled. sit in the street with babies in their laps, begging for food, victims of Taleban's ideology.

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#### Security tightens at Vienna Christie's as wartime loot goes under the hammer

#### Austria confronted by Nazi past in sale of Jewish treasures

From Roger Boyes in vienna

THE Vienna outlet of Chris-tie's will be under heavy guard from next week as the British auction house prepares for one hoard of art stolen from Austrian Jews by the Nazis.

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In the age of letterbomb politics — and the seemingly unstoppable rise of the far Right — the auction is regarded as a potential target of racists in a country struggling to come to terms with its past. "Austria must not be allowed to become [like] Swit-

zerland," Hans Rauscher, a Vienna commentator, says, welcoming the Christie's sale. While Switzerland is being confronted with its wartime amorality of taking over Nazi gold and Nazi bank accounts and discouraging the search for their Jewish owners. Austria is at last coming clean about its wartime booty.

The sale of the 7.000 pieces, stored in the Carthusian monastery of Mauerbach outside Vienna, is as much a political event as an artistic celebra-

tion. But not all members of the Jewish community, helping to organise the sale, are satisfied that all efforts have been exhausted in trying to trace the owners of the hoard.

They gave me five minutes to get my coat and my hand-bag." a Jewish woman, arrested in her Vienna flat in 1939, wrote in a letter from New Zealand in 1965. In the corridor, she had turned around and stared at the painting that she and her father adored: it was a work by Friederich Gauermann. What was started by her search for the painting will culminate on October 26 with

the Christie's auction. That letter was addressed to Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazihunter and head of the Vienna-based Jewish Documenta-tion Centre. "Somebody would like to buy the painting and the money would really help." she wrote. "I'm growing old and I've got bills to pay."

The Nazis looted paintings. sculptures and silver pieces from Jewish and non-Jewish homes. The Allies discovered the caches and ordered Austria to trace the owners. Almost 10,000 artworks were returned. But Austrian enthusiasm was lukewarm.

The 1955 Treaty of Vienna, establishing the modern Austrian state, obliged it to continne with the search; this was a difficult task since Jewish survivors were dispersed and Austria did not invest a great deal of energy in it. After halfhearted attempts to publicise the hoard, bits of it were declared ownerless and sold off. The rest was stashed in Mauerbach or loaned to Austrian museums and galleries.

Herr Wiesenthal insisted that detailed lists of the works distributed worldwide through Austrian embassies. The list was compiled and published in Austria but few claimants heard about it. Even when a law was passed in 1969, giving owners more time to lodge claims, the authorities seemed to find reasons for not



Paintings on sale include Portrait of a Lady in Red Bonnet, by Hans Makart, admired by Hitler, and In the Schtetl, by Ludwig Knaus

handing over the artworks. The parallel with the churlish Swiss banks, which discouraged Holocaust survivors from discovering their old accounts, was strong. Between 1969 and 1972 thousands of applications were received but only 71 were settled. A second law, passed last year, accelerated matters a little, but survi-

vors of the Holocaust were already beginning to die. "This story will not figure on our role of honour," said Judge Reimar Gradischnik, who has successfully restored 400 pieces. The Mauerbach collection includes mainly 19th-century German and Austrian painters such as Rudolf von Alt. Works of some

of Hitler's favourite painters, such as Hans Makart, are included. Although the money raised will be mainly distributed to Jewish charities, there is a nagging suspicion among Jews that Austria has only taken a small step towards admitting its role in the Holocaust. For decades, Austrian officials shrugged off inquiries

tion by saying much of it was worthless kitsch. This was a deception since Austrian museums were anxious to get their hands on many works, but the claim also misses the point. The people I have seen have been in search of memories, not fortunes," Judge

about the Mauerbach collec- woman showed him death certificates of 14 relatives to prove her identity. "After you have seen that, do you then press her as to whether the background colour of a claimed oil painting is light blue or light green?"



Priebke: freed by tribunal

#### Italy embraces Priebke retrial as chance to learn from war

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE decision to retry Erich Priebke, 83, a former SS officer, for massacre was welcomed yesterday as an opportunity for Italy to face its wartime ghosts.

The past has come back to haunt us," said La Stampa. "We expect a just verdict which will. once and for all, put an end to this terrible chapter in our recent history." It added that the threeman military tribunal that tried Priebke for war crimes, in proceedings often bordering on farce, had made a fundamental error when it ordered him freed in August. But

Judge Agostino Quistelli, de-fended the verdict, which found Priebke guilty of the massacre in March 1944 of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine caves on the Appian Way just outside Rome, but set him free because of "mitigating circumstances". There was a public outcry, and Priebke was immediately rearrested because of a request by Bonn for his extradition for trial in Germany. He is still in iail in Rome.

Judge Quistelli made clear that he "mitigating circumstances" had included Priebke's age. "I tried an old man who represents no danger to society and who committed a crime over half a century ago," he said. Outraged relatives of the massacre victims accused the judge of being biased in favour of Priebke. A lower court rejected this, but this week the Supreme Court overruled the lower court decision and ordered a retrial. It is expected within three

Judge Bruno Rocchi, who also sat on the tribunal, said "only a madman" would agree to preside over the retrial. "They are doing all they can to ensure Priebke dies in

iail." he said. Carlo Taormina, a defence lawyer, said that the Supreme Court had dispensed "political justice", and Priebke should be transferred to house arrest.

Tullia Zevi, leader of the Jewish community in Rome, said too many Italians wanted to sweep the Fascist past and Mussolini's alliance with Hitler under the carpet. This is an important history lesson for Italy, and especially for the young, at a time when the far Right is again on the march in Europe," she said.

Il Messaggero said the retrial "must be used by all of us, including the media and the schools, to tell the truth about the Second World War, its causes and bloody dramas, the gratuitous ferocity of the Fascists against the

weak and defenceless, and the brave resistance to the dictators by the democracies, led by the British. It would be a bad thing for Italian democracy if the memory of those

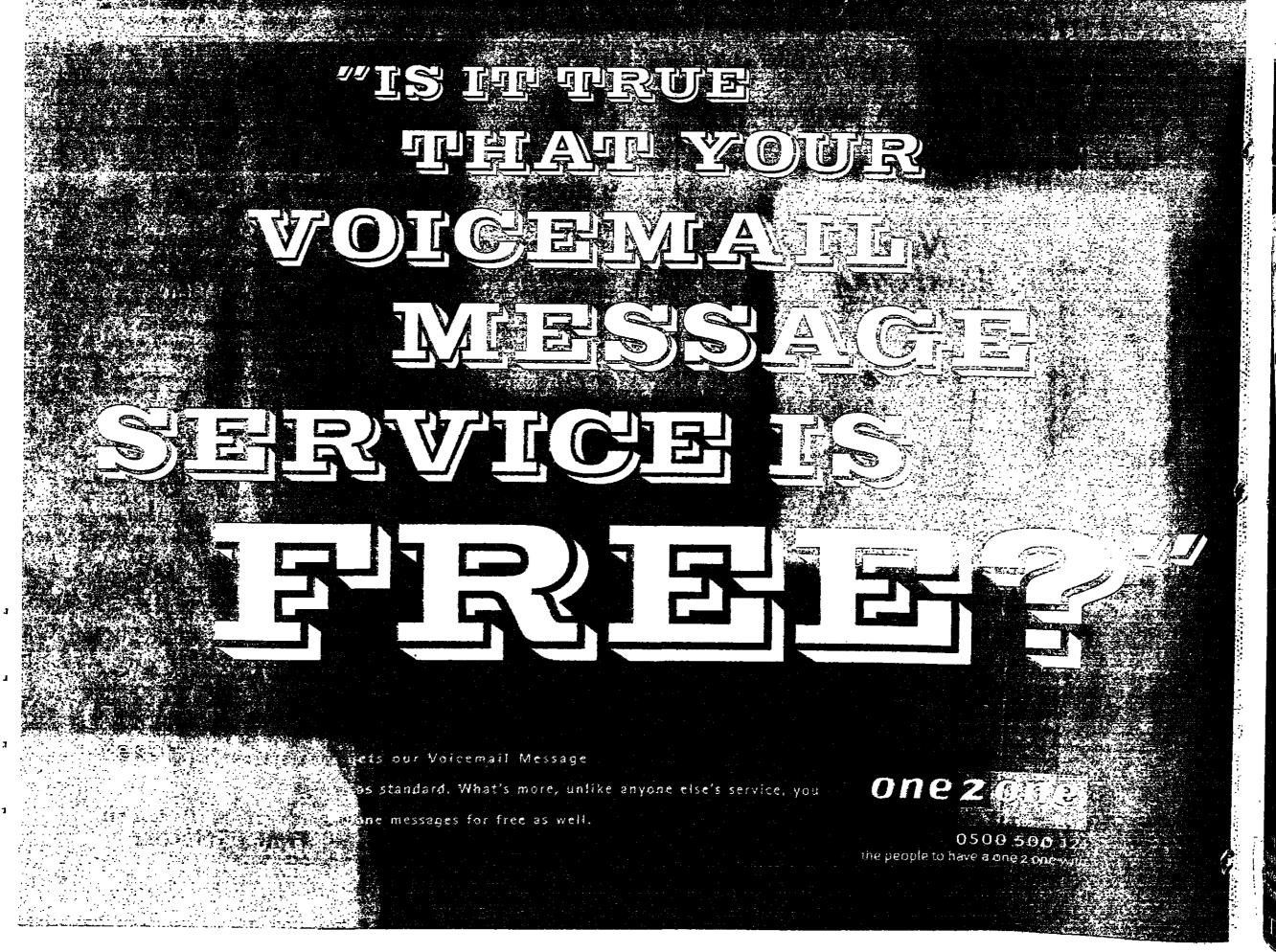
terrible years disappeared".

The problem of facing the past has also been raised by new evidence from Klaus Voigt, a German historian, showing that Mussolini was told about the systematic elimination of the Jews by the Nazis in the summer of 1942. Some Italian historians maintain that Il Duce did not know about the Holocaust until much later in the war. La Repubblica said Herr Voigt had documents proving Mussolini was told the truth at an

early stage by Italian commanders in Eastern Europe and by the German Ambassador in Rome.

The victims of the Ardeatine caves massacre — a reprisal for an 🖣 Italian partisan ambush on a German patrol - included Communist partisans and Italian Jews taken from the Rome ghetto. Priebke, who was extradited from Argentina last year, admitted kill-ing two of the victims and checking the names of others on a Gestapo list as they got off the

His defence was that he was obeying Gestapo orders and would have been shot himself if he



By David Charter, education correspondent

pupils and teachers alike."

al athlete for his age."

victim to racial taunts.

POLICE are investigating the death of a Sikh schoolboy who hanged himself days after describing the misery of being bullied in a poem praised by

Vijay Singh Shahiry, 13, also left a scribbled diary at home which read: I shall remember this for eternity and will never forget. Monday: My money was taken. Tuesday: Names called. Wednesday: My uniform torn. Thursday: My body pouring with blood. Friday: It's ended. Saturday: Freedom." On Sunday, his body was found hanging from the banisters of his home in

Vijay, who wore a turban, was the target of racial taunts from rival players and specta-tors when he played at junior football matches, police said. Phil Wrenn, of Greater Manchester Police, added: "We have interviewed pupils and teachers at Vijay's school and the early indications are that any bullying which did take place happened when he was travelling to and from

"It is too early for us to say whether this racial abuse and any bullying which may have



Vijay Singh Shahiry:

taken place led him to take his

Vijay died days after being given a merit award by his English teacher for his "excellent" writing about bullying. Vijay's family realised only after his death that his school work drew on a secret diary.

His mother, Nickey, said: "We were completely shocked. We discovered a diary of bullying in his jotter pad and that is the only due. His last school work was about bullying. He was a dream son."

Vijay's poem about bullies reads: "I'm frightened and scared, my body has been shaking, my mouth open wide and frozen, the tears drop as they destroy my face. Take my money and flee to where they can go. Bullies I call out, they have no feelings at all.

"Bullies are the people who have no feelings or emotions. They are people who are not so clever at things that others are. They do this because they have no skill for anything else and know they need no skills

"Bullies are bad and selfish people. They are also coward-ly people, cruel and evil people. They are more than all this but they're also guilty. They hurt us with words, hurt us with body contact, but not clever." His teacher wrote:

"Excellent work, Vijay." His mother said: "It is clear to me he was being bullied horrifically. The description in his project and in his jotter pad prove it. I wish he had told someone. He was very close to his family, but he didn't tell a soul. There were so many people he could have turned to

The school declined yesterday to discuss Vijay's piece of writing, which was his second on bullying. Barbara Howse, the head teacher, described him as an able boy, a superb sportsman and a brilliant

#### Head is asked to quit after exam result fall

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school headmaster has been forced to resign by governors, who are believed to be disappointed by a drop in A-level grades (David Charter writes).

Cheltenham College announced yesterday that Peter Wilkes, 55, would leave next August after seven years in the post. A-level scores fell this summer while rival schools saw grades increase.

Air Commodore David Atherton, the school secretary. said the college council had decided that a new head was needed "to carry the school

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A LEADING independent into the next century". The average A-level points per pupil this summer at Chelten-ham College, where fees are E12,000 a year for boarders, was 21.2, compared with 22 last year. At Cheltenham Ladies' College, students gained 27.2 points against 23.7 last Close School, A-level

were up from 24 to 24.3. Mr Wilkes announced earlier this year that the 600-pupil school, founded in 1841, was to become fully co-educational. He refused to comment on his apparent dismissal.

member of the school. "He was liked and respected by Nick Parry, Vijay's sports teacher, said: "He was an absolute superstar and a dream to teach sports to. I had no idea of him being bullied at school and staff in general aren't aware of a bullying young man and stood 5ft 8in. which made him an exception-ChildLine, the telephone advice service for children, said: "It is so important for people to pick up on signals from children about bullying, even if they are indirect. Children. and especially boys, find it very difficult to talk about this and even harder to talk about racist bullying."
Vijay, the eldest of six children, was a Manchester United Old Trafford because his father feared his son might fall Part of Vijay's poem. His family also found a secret diary about being bullied

#### MCC calls new vote on women members

By JOHN GOODBODY:

THE Marylebone Cricket Club will get another chance next year to vote on its ban on women members.

Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie. the new MCC president, ap-pealed to mentions in the club newsletter to consider a modern approach". Five years ago they voted by 4.727 to 2.371 to continue barring women from membership.

Mr. Ingleby Mackenzie said: We must not be fright-

ened by the opposite sex, who are keen cricketers and lovers of the game. It may be that a modern approach might be in the best interests of the club."

of the club."

Rachael Heybre Flint, the former England women's captain, who campaigned against the ban in 1991, said:
"This is absolutely splendid."
She added that the president's support would help women's chances.

The MCC's exclusion of women has debarred it from receiving lottery funding to help to redevelop Lord's for the 1999 World Cup.



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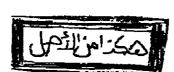
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# An ex-sailor's remedy for a wilting libido

eith Jones, at 42, still looks a tradi-tional Dartmouth officer. He looks spruce and clean cut and speaks with a serviceman's precision. He had expected to spend a lifetime in the Royal Navy. but soon realised that defence cuts and a shrinking fleet meant that his career prospects were limited and that he would fare better in civilian life.

As Keith has had an engineering training, he joined an civilian engineering firm and became an international expert on power stations. This expertise was in demand and before he was 40, he was able to move to a comparatively leisurely existence in Monte

But Keith is not a man to be inactive and once in Monte Carlo, looked for a way to use his engineering and design skills. While in Navy he had been



impressed by the jokes the sailors made about the difficulties of fitting a condom. The naval jokes may have been coarse but they exposed a real problem, known in the more polite medical circles as condom impotence. The difficulty of removing a condom from the packet and putting it on, while still retaining enthusiwas more than the

fragile libido of some men can withstand, so that by the time it is fitted, it is no longer needed. Keith has designed a plastic pack, manufactured near

Cannes, which enables the condom provided by the leading Japanese manufac-turers to be extracted easily and always the right way up. ready for immediate application. The base of the condom is surrounded by a split, plastic ring which makes it easy to roll on but, once on, the ring can be quickly discarded. Its ease of fitting means that eye contact between the lovers may never be lost, which is important emotionally and physically, that it is not torn which is essential for contraception and that it expands readily and so does not split vhen first applied.

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Boris Yeltsin,

explained that his experience in commerce after he left the Navy had taught him that any product which had been unchanged for two genera-tions, like contraceptives. was wide open for competi-tion. He realised that the time taken to fit a condom, the inability to immediately adapt to all sizes and conditions of men and their messiness had been tolerated for 50 years, but had limited their use. By using his training in design, he

these problems and now felt that he could supply a

commodity which when it had gained international ac-

ceptance, would help cut the

number of unwanted preg-

nancies and sexually trans-

The condom, marketed as

Topaz, is now available in

chemist shops and plans are

under way to dispense them

from slot machines.

mitted diseases.



Birth pangs: Madonna wanted a normal birth, although in America 20 per cent of deliveries are by Caesarean section

#### The dangers signs confront Yeltsin



President Yeltsin: his medical advisers say he is anaemic

EARLIER this week it was reported that Russian President Boris Yeltsin's doctors are again disturbed by their patient's condition, and that preparations for surgery have been delayed by abnormal findings in his blood. Later, his medical advisers issued a denial saying there was no trouble, other than that the President was anaemic. However, anaemia is a

symptom, not a disease, and it is a frequent finding in patients with either advanced kidney or liver disease.

One ominous cause of anaemia is bleeding from oesophageal varices, enlarged varicose veins in the oesophagus, which can complicate cirrhosis. There's always a danger that an oesophageal vein may rupture and bleed catastrophically.

aged and with severe asthma.

was very worried about what

would happen to her chauf-

feur after she died. One day

she told me she had solved the

problem of finding a kindly

employer to look after him

when she was dead, she was

going to leave him to me

together with a trust to pay his

wages. By the time she died I

had disappeared to Parliament, but my successor, whom I chose for her with

care, not only inherited the

chauffeur but also her estate.

#### Dying in comfort



kettle's bequest to her oncologist, Dr Geoffrey Tobias, of a bottle of champagne

long as she remained at the Middlesex Hospital, should help to remove some of the taboos surrounding death. Choosing a kindly and above all knowledgeable doctor, who can enable a patient to have as smooth an end to life as possible is almost as impor-tant as selecting a competent obstetrician to give a baby the best possible start when they are delivered into the world.

Miss Thirkettle's gratitude for the way in which Dr Tobias looked after her in her last months was touching. But not everybody is able to share Miss Thirkettle's good fortune in being cared for by Dr Tobias, but they can discover his philosophy on cancer: he has just written a book Cancer: What Every Patient Needs To Know (Bloomsbury £6.99). It is authoratitive and optimistic for, of course, many cases of cancer are eminently treat-able. Dr Tobias's book describes the various conditions, all cancers are different. and the treatments available. He deals in a straightforward and honest way with the problems of palliative and

terminal care.

Although Dr Tobias's champagne is an unusual bequest, patients do sometimes make curious wills. When I was in practice in Norfolk, a local landowner.

#### Madonna judged too harshly

THE BIRTH of a child is one of the most important days in a woman's life, and Madonna, a woman's life, and waddina, whose daugher. Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon was born in a Los Angeles hospital this week, is no exception. Reports before the birth hinted that the singer might use her power and influence to opt for a slick and pain-free delivery. An option, it was implied, which her doctors were happy to agree to, thereby avoiding any unforeseen problems of a normal delivery that could have resulted in litigation. The public judged Madon-na, and her doctors, too harsh-

ly. She hoped to have her baby vaginally, and she even expressed a desire before the birth not to have any pain-

killing drugs during labour.
Madonna is a fitness fanatic, but even so she is 38 and having her first child, so there was reason to suppose that she would have a greater likelihood of needing a Caesarean section than a younger woman or a woman of her age who had aiready had other babies. Anecdotal evidence suggests that very athletic women (and Madonna exercises for many hours a day) sometimes have more difficult labours. Traditionally, it has been assumed, as far as I know without scientific evidence, that the very well developed pelvic musculature of physical education instructors, athletes and super-fit physiotherapists tend to delay rather than expedite labour.

Though paediatrician Dr Paul Fleiss, who supervised the delivery at the singer's request, announced yesterday that the delivery had been natural, the fact remains thatin America. 20 per cent 🖎 deliveries are by Caesarian section. In Britain we still do not match this figure, but the percentage is beginning to



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A chance for life

for treatment, in the hope that it would prolong her time with her family. Enfield and Haringey health authority had

refused because of cost, but agreed, saying that no more patients will be treated until more is known about the drug. Professor Karol Zikora of the Hammersmith Hospital was quoted in the BMJ as saying that Taxol and Taxotere did prolong life, although the full picture was not yet known.

TAXOL is one of the drugs made from yew

trees, and is again in the news. It prolongs

the life of many patients who have cancer of

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This time, he has definitely

now, and no

mistake. Jerry

Hall, I mean. By

consulting Anthony Julius, the

Princess of Wales's suave and

scholarly divorce lawyer, she

has progressed from firing

blanks to live ammunition in

her latest marital skirmish

with the errant Mick. Her

patience with his indiscreet

philandering in the course of

their 20-year relationship (they

did not marry until 1990) has

been exemplary - she once admitted that Mick's never

going to change". But now

she's had enough — or possi-bly it's just that she feels she

has explored to its limit the

Pextent of a woman's repertoire

of tactics for dealing with the

exquisite humiliation of such

It may be of some comfort

for Jerry to reflect that her

difficulty with the grandfa-

therly rocker is one for which women have been trying since

the world began to come up

with a satisfactory solution.

The shock and misery of being

betrayed is the same whether

one is a celeb

whose domestic life

routinely makes

the front pages of the tabloids, or

Mrs Jones whose

old man's defection

with the busty har-

lot from the Goat

and Compasses

has kept the corner

shop amused for

So what's a girl

funds herself in this

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gone too far. So, what is a girl

to do? Jane Shilling considers

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Sir John Hannam. It needs only a slight alter-

through Parliament? What Hansard (July 12) records is this: "Order for second reading read. Hon Memsagy-speak for a single gover hent whip objecting: in parliamentary practice that is all that is needed. "The Bill is being blocked." says Morris. To meet the soft-spoken Mr

ell, she's done it ly of hot chocolate and celery. soon made her unwell - and

Bianca Jagger once dismissed her ("Jerry who?").

The middle-class version, much practised by the wives of erring politicians, is Good Behaviour. If I am very, very patient and don't Make A Scene perhaps virtue will be rewarded and he will come back to me and everything will presented with the painful spectacle of nice women such as Jane Ashdown and Judith Mellor "coping" - facing the cameras in their best Jaeger two-piece, gripping their husbands by their Savile Row sleeves as though standing at the bridge of a foundering

instinctive reaction of women is to blame

themselves'

light? The number of options Expert practitioners of the is not huge - and Jerry seems active form include Elizabeth to have explored most of them. The instinctive reaction of many women is to shoulder the blame themselves. If a long moment of critical self-examination reveals red eyes, a shiny nose, stretch marks and a sex life for which moribund would be too animated a word. the temptation is to do some-

thing drastic. Attempts to pep up a flagging sex life with aphrodisiacs have been known to backfire very badly. Mme de Pompadour, Louis XV's mistress, feared at one stage that the King's interest in her was because of her lack of initiative on the chaise longue, and promptly put herself on a blood". This, consisting largeeven less keen on sex than

The traditional aristocratic response to infidelity is to pretend that Nothing Is Happening - just don't frighten the horses. Jerry has been terribly good at this, dismissing importinent interlopers such as Carla Bruni in much the same grand manner as

ship, their faces a smiling mask in which

courage is blended with mortification. But the temptation, particularly with a serial adulterer, must be to find some satisfaction in making his life as horrible as he has made yours. The great question tive or passive aggression gets the

better result.

Taylor, whose drunken brawls with Richard Burton provoked him to describe their relationship as "Marvellous ... but murder"; Dame Maggie Smith, about whom her former husband Sir Robert Stevens plaintively remarked: "It was like living with knives", and the splendid Lady Graham Moon, who scissored her wayward husband's suits, distributed the contents of his wine cellar around the county and, with all the forthright energy of the British countrywoman at bay, formed a support group, the Old Bags' Holder of the Oscar for Lifetime Achievement in aggressive victimhood is, of course, Diana, Princess of Wales,

Carers' champion

Valerie Grove talks to Alf Morris, MP, about his efforts

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When Mr Morris was born

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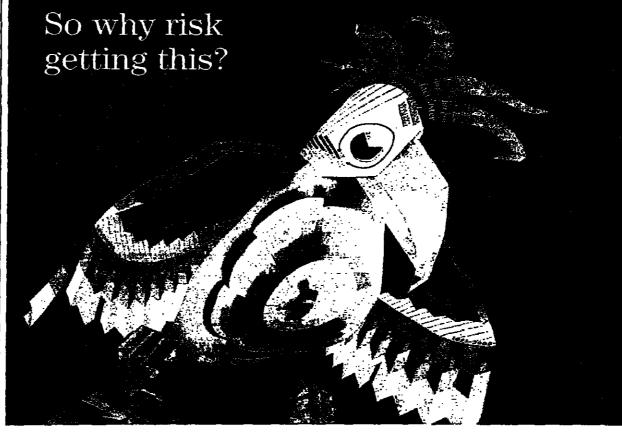
Jerry Hall has talked to lawyers about splitting from the errant Mick Jagger, while Elizabeth Taylor married Richard Burton twice. He described their life as "marvellous . . . but murder"

whose mastery of the tech-niques involved can only be described as inspired.

A few alternatives remain. Arranging to have another baby: a really good fit of hysterics, or a high-profile affair. (Jerry went for a brisk canter around the paddock with Robert Sangster, the effect of which on Mick was

dramatic, if temporary.) Come to think of it, perhaps we needn't feel too had for Jerry after all. She is made of tough stuff, as Clive James discovered when he interviewed her and other supermodels after they finished their final stint on the catwalks at the Paris collections. "So, girls," said Clive, hausted," said the models. All except Jerry. She raised one eyebrow and said in her Texan drawl: "I feel richer." If the day and she finds herself doorstepped by reporters, you can bet she'll give the same

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#### to get help for people who care for disabled relatives Morris after seeing all those sharp young blades at the Labour conference is to be first became involved with in this situation.

Tied to the home, reminded of the quiet altrulooking after an elderly relaism and dogged persistence of tion or a handicapped child. the older Labour generation. day in day out. We think: "Doesn't anyone ever give them a break?" And we do for the interests of the disabled, having won the 1969 nothing about it. But today, as private members' ballot and he has done every other day this week, Alf Morris will drafted the 1970 Chronically place on the order paper his Sick and Disabled Persons Disabled Persons and Carers Bill, which recognised, almost for the first time, obvious (Short-Term Breaks) Bill. human needs. As we walk This would provide respite

for about 100,000 people - a significant minority who otherwise may get no relief from the never-ending, nerve-wearying care of their charges. It would oblige local authorities, when they assess thelp needed to enable habled people to live at home — such aids as wider doors, stair-lifts, adapted bathrooms — to write into the requirements an occasional break for the carer. "Carers are the most admired people in Britain," as Morris says, "but they are also among the points out a stair-lift to the most exploited." Jubilee Room, part of the

The Bill has gone through the Lords ("almost by acclaimation') steered by Lord Rix, chairman of Mencap. It is supported across all parties, its signatories including Sir David Steel, Dafydd Wigley. of Plaid Cymru. Margaret Ewing, of the SNP, James Molyneaux, the former Ulster Unionist leader, and the Tory

related, but because he had ation in the existing Bill to make a huge difference to lived on for several years after many hard-pressed people and it makes perfect sense. So why is it struggling to get bers: Object." This is Han-

the war, my mother didn't qualify for a war widow's pension." Mrs Morris had five children to bring up; she wrote to her MP, Harry Thorneycroft, "Her letter was written on a scrappy bit of paper, but Harry Thorneycroft came to see her, took up her case and got her that pension. 'When you're old enough, you'll be giving out leaflets for Mr Thorneycroft,

politics. Two of her sons and her grand-daughter became MPs." (Alf Morris's brother was also a Labour MP: his niece Estelle Morris is member for Birmingham Yardley). He is a veteran of the battle

Carers' organisations estimate that carers provide the home care equivalent to the value of the cost of the entire NHS. For the Government it makes economic sense to encourage this. But it is most often a woman who sacrifices family life or job to keep a grown-up child or an elderly through the Commons he disabled parent out of institu-They are tional care.

"Supporting carers is a mor-al and social priority." Morris says. "Providing short breaks may be as important as a phone, and should be listed among the services. With 20/20 hindsight, when we drafted the 1970 Bill we might have provided for respite breaks when we made provision for recreation and daycare centres. The other week in Blackpool a man told us he and his wife went to the Lake District for 48 hours, their first holiday together for ten years. It makes no sense to the taxpayer to push people to the extreme of their endurance."

in 1928, his father was an The only presumable objection to the short breaks invalid: he had lost a leg in the First World War and had Bill must be the imagined been gassed. "I know how a whole family's life is affected cost. "There is a preocccupation with the cost of every-"I watched my father fade thing - but we are talking away. When I was seven he pennies here. Institutional care costs pounds. And if died. His injuries were warcarers break down under the pressure of caring, you end up

with two people to care for."

Morris insists that if given the nod by ministers, this Bill could be through the Commons and into law in an hour of parliamentary time. "It is not a battle between left and right, it's between right and wrong. And between Government and Parliament. So it will be there, on the order paper every day, staring them in the face and stirring their

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#### Judge who lost his duel with vox populi

Public opinion forced ministers to pre-empt Lord Cullen's judicious

report, says Magnus Linklater

There were surely times during the preparation of his report when Douglas Cullen must have longed to reach for his gavel. hammer on the bench and order "Silence in Court!"

Rarely can a public inquiry have been conducted against a background of such clamorously dissenting opinion. He has been subjected to intense pressure from parents and politicians. He has been under constant scrutiny from a rapacious media. His recommendations have been pre-empted by the very Government which commissioned him in

But through it all has come a report as meticulous in its dissection of the evidence as it is balanced in its conclusions. However it is used or misused, traduced or vilified, it is there on the record, as valuable in its assessment of gun laws, youth clubs or the security of our schools as his Piper Alpha report was on the safety of oil rigs at sea.

It is a measure of the man himself that he has appeared almost untouched by the conflict. I saw him last weekend at the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh, watching a rumbus-tious performance of Cyrano

de Bergerac, relaxed and to all appearances at ease with himself. Lord Cullen is not a naturally gregarious man, but he is a companion and a great expert on the buildings of his native Edin-

burgh, about which he has written several books. There is always about him. however, a certain remoteness, a feeling that you would be wise not to presume too much on his friendship. That detachment, the natural quality of a good judge, is a useful ingredient in the debate now

exploding around his report. Whatever the political capital to be made out of an issue which should by rights have nothing to do with politics. however anguished the views of parents and teachers in ings will provide the essential sounding board for them all. When the new laws restricting the use and calibre of handguns are finally drawn up, it is he who will give them their framework. That, after all, is

why he was appointed. Throughout the report, he has looked at the implications of an outright ban on handguns. He found that there were real difficulties about it. "It is," as he says, "necessary to decide what risk is acceptable, bearing in mind that some risk is an inevitable feature of daily life. Against the risk to society has to be balanced the loss of freedom of

the individual . . . He concludes, after painstaking examination of all the alternatives, that he does not consider "the banning of handguns for target shooting or the banning of shooting clubs would be justified". Anyone who now continues to argue for more draconian measures will have to deal with his arguments. The need to reach a workable rather than just a popular solution. and the balancing of freedom

of action with the protection of children, were more important than simply responding to public opinion. That does not mean that there is a lack of natural sympathy towards those who had suffered. "He gave you great confidence in his impartiality." said one parent. but equally you were aware that he was not immune to the sheer awfulness of

what had happened." It became clear from an early stage that however sensible his conclusions, public opinion would not be content to wait for them. The very evidence that was presented to him about the proliferation of handguns and their capacity forced the pace. It spurred the parents into an increasingly high-profile campaign. Then, six weeks into the hearings. the Commons Home Affairs Committee divided down party lines and its Tory members indicated they would not be recommending a total ban on handguns. That helped to launch the hugely successful Snowdrop campaign, which set the emotional tone of the debate, summed up by the parents' articulate spokes-woman Ann Pearston: If leg-islation falls short of a complete ban, it shows that we

and our children are expendable so that 57.000 target shooters can retain their right to pursue a sport that uses weapons designed

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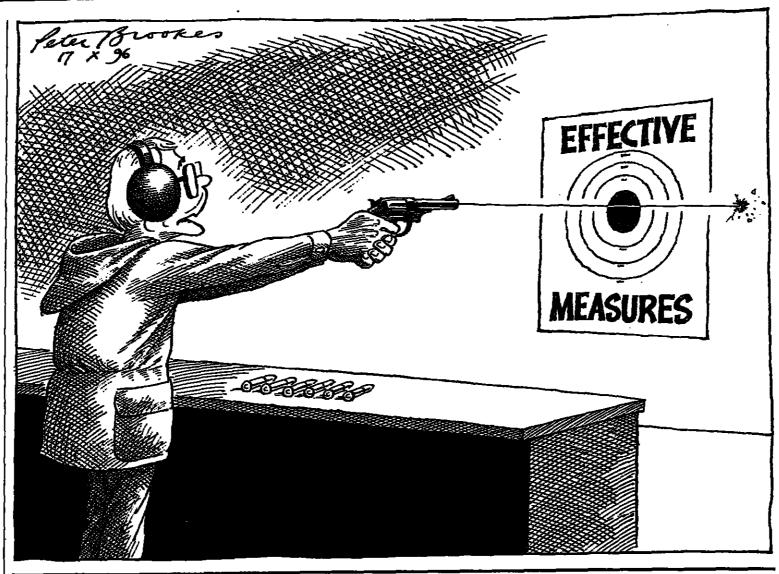
Like all successful slogans it was simplistic but effective. Thereafter, any politician's response was mea-

sured against it. A curb on the ownership of handguns was not enough; a "complete ban on handguns" became the operative statement. Tony Blair indicated that he favoured it. The Scottish Secretary. Michael Forsyth, defending his tiny majority in Stirling, made it clear that he, too, was for strong action. David Mellor claimed that guns were now "the most important issue for years".

was wrestling with. What it meant, however, was that the moderate position, and the one which Lord Cullen favours, was soon eclipsed. Instead of "Wait for Cullen", the slogan became "We will go further than Cullen." Many of the Dunblane parents and teachers have now reached the fundamentalist position. which urges a ban on the possession and ownership, not just of handguns but all guns, including shotguns and rifles. The present Government will not go that far. A Labour

On the issue of handguns. and handguns alone. Lord Cullen has been overtaken by public opinion, and by a Government anxious not to be outplayed by the Opposition. But the groundwork that he has done has provided the essential foundation on which the new recommendations now rest. No politician worth his salt will be able to reach a conclusion without reference to his report. It is essential evidence and that is what a good judge is there to present

Government just might.



# Europe's fascist spectre

here are only too many fascists, neo-fascists and quasi-fascists at large in Europe nowadays. I have talked to Gianfranco Fini, the leader of the Italian National Alliance Party. and I think he is genuinely an exfascist, but his party undoubtedly attracts the fascist audience. Umberto Bossi, the leader of the Italian Northern League, has fascist attributes, and is a threat to the unity of the Italian state. Jean Marie Le Pen's support is rising in France. Now Jorg Haider's Freedom Party has won 27.6 per cent of the vote in

Austria's European elections, and the

German Chancellor, Dr Helmut

Kohl, has expressed his "deep con-

cern". He is right to be worried. For the last 50 years it has been embarrassing for people to express even the most qualified admiration for fascism, so horrible were the crimes of European fascism in the 1930s and 1940s. Yet some of the attributes of fascism have always been popular. If one had asked an intelligent Nazi in 1935 to make the case for Hitler, he would have talked None of this helped to clarify about the need for leadership, about

democracies, about the importance of building a strong community. He would have cited the need to support youth and the family, about the regime's practical success in reducing unemployment, about the need to defend the State against alien threats and to restore Germany to a leading European place, about the need to save Europe itself from Soviet Communism, about the survival of the fittest, about the idealism which called on all Germans to serve their race and their leader.

In fact, these policies led to the war,

the Gestapo, the concentration camps and the Holocaust. But that does not mean that they had no appeal at the time, or that similar arguments have no appeal now. Some of the Nazi arguments were, indeed, true. Hitler's economic programme after 1933 was rather more successful than Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in reducing unemployment. The average non-Jewish German was almost certainly better off in 1935 than he had been when Hitler came to power. Foreign nations did again perceive Germany as a great power and reacted accordingly. In 1936, after his first term as President, Franklin Roosevelt was overwhelmingly reelected, with his Republican rival to the jury of public opinion. | only carrying two states. If Hitler had

Far-Right parties exploit Maastricht just as Hitler did the Versailles treaty

faced re-election in the same year, he too would have won by a landslide. There are elements of fascist excitement even in successful democratic politics. President John F. Kennedy exploited aspects of the fascist appeal. the cult of youth, nationalism, the glamour of the leader, competitive ruthlessness, the emphasis on military power and on the threat from

other military nations. Adolf Hitler was neo-Darwinist who believed in the survival of the fittest, but so were the Kennedy's, even though they were democrats and not racists. If Hitler had not been

responsible for the Holocaust, he would probably be a hero to many people in Europe today, just as Napoleon was a hero in France 50 years after Waterloo. The

forgivable and unanswerable; in itself the idea of a ruthless nationalist dictatorship has attracted many nations at different periods of history.

It is only if we understand the attractions of fascism that we can judge the danger of its returning. The most striking totalitarian regimes have been Communist Russia and China, Nazi Germany. Fascist Italy and Spain and Imperial Japan. All but one - China - are now defunct, though the Japanese Emperor is still head of state. All came after the failure of a previous regime. In the three West European countries, the regime which failed had been democratic. Hitler himself was able to come to power by more or less constitutional means, but he had his chance because of the failure of the

Weimar Republic. When democracy cannot deliver what the people want, the idea of dictatorship becomes popular. In 1933 German democracy was weakened by the slump, by the social destruction of the inflation of the 1920s, by high unemployment, by a pervading sense of moral decline, by the existence of extremist parties. Communists as well as Nazis, and by the loss of self-confidence of the leading democratic politicians. Those conditions plainly do not exist in

modern Germany. Unemployment is higher than it should be, but inflation is low, Germany is prosperous, there are no extremist parties in Parlia-ment, and Chancellor Kohl is a figure of world authority. It is not in Germany that one would now fear a revival of European fascism: the defences of German democracy are strengthened by the memories of Nazism just as the mark is strength-

ened by the historic fear of inflation. Democracy may be weaker in those European countries where fascism has already been able to establish an electoral position. Austria is a special case.

The Austrians have done less to re-examine their 20thcentury history than almost any other European nation. They seem to pity themselves as Hitler, when many of them were

enthusiastic junior partners in the Third Reich. Herr Haider is not another Hitler - many of his policies are very different — but he does draw on the support of sections of the Austrian electorate whose parents or grandparents were mostly enthusiastic Nazis. Hitler himself drew on this right-wing tradition, including its anti-Semitism, and formed his own

ideology in pre-1914 Vienna. More worrying is the state of democracy in the three great Latin nations: France, Spain and Italy. In France and Italy there are already significant parties with fascist connections. In all three countries there is high unemployment, an eighth of the working population in France and Italy, a quarter in Spain. All three countries have serious corruption, with Italy's the worst. All three have a public opinion disillusioned by the failures of elected politicians. In all three one meets the Europeanism of despair, that is not a lack of faith in a strong and healthy European future, but a fear that without Europe the nations would

The Maastricht project for a single currency is making all three deflate their economies to try to meet the convergence criteria. Yet none of the

three will be able to meet the criteria in real terms, though France may meet them by creative accounting. If the euro emerges as a strong currency, which is what the Germans want, then this deflation will have to continue. If it emerges as a weak currency, which is rather more likely. then Germany will have exchanged the mark for a pseudo-lira.

Anti-Semitism was not only a part Hitler's propaganda, but expressed a deep psychological anxiety shared by many Germans and by Hitler himself. Similar fears about immigrant groups exist in most modern West European countries, not excluding Britain. These fears are felt particularly strongly by the French, who are alarmed by the North Africans in their midst. In a recent by-election near Marseilles, Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front and the Communists between them took 64 per cent of the vote, humiliat-

ing the Socialists and Gaullists.

ne should not exaggerate the stage of democratic failure that has been reached so far: 27.6 per All that can yet be said is that some of the pre-conditions of democratic failure exist in some of the European countries. But suppose that in the early years of the next century there is a systemic failure of the Euronean economy, because of high unemployment, because the euro is too strong or too weak, or because of a Europewide failure to meet low cost Asian competition. Suppose that resentment about unemployment and immigration is turned against Europe, that the national democratic failures become a European failure. Then the lifeboat will become a death trap.

The pre-condition of fascism is the failure of democracy. A sign of democratic failure is the desire to transfer power away from democratic bodies to unaccountable bodies, from the nations to Europe. Adding the national failures together will not create a successful Europe, though that is what the European Union is now planning to do.

A Europe-wide systemic failure of democracy would open the way for neo-fascism in the national electorates. We do not need to fear fascism because it is weak and repulsive, but because many people find it strong and attractive. Like the Devil himself fascism is strong, attractive but

was hit by bags four times coming into the offices of *The* Times at Wapping the other morning — once on the neck, once on the shoulder and twice on the hip. Big bags are the new British phenomenon. A blow from Lady Thatcher's handbag was a fleabite compared with the danger one is now in on buses, trains and pavements. It began, I think, with the hardedged briefcase (or attaché case) -the wooden box, like a small drawer covered in scaly black material, that men started carrying about two or

A nation

clobbered

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Derwent May on the dangers of the

power accessory

three years ago. The soft leather briefcase melted away before it. Challenge begot challenge, and women's handbags started creeping up in size until they were really not handbags at all. The last time I saw one of those authentic specimens was when several women put them down behind their chairs at our dinnertable, and our dog came and snuffled through them, tossing £5 notes and

contact lenses in all directions. Now almost all women carry strapped and buckled bags that are getting on for kitbag size. You could not put them under your dining chair now — they would have to go under the sideboard. Some women carry two or three bags, and walk with both arms permanently crooked to hold

All kinds of other bags have followed in their wake - valises for men to take to the office, big dumpling-like cloth bags tied with a string and slung from the shoulder, other gigantic shoulder-bags with fiercely-metalled corners for either

sex to swing. But the most widespread newcomer of all is the fashionable backpack (once known as a rucksack) that has🗳 sprung up exactly like mushrooms on people's backs. It used to be "If you want to get ahead, get a hat", now it is 'If you want to get ahead get a

Children of two wear them, and every other age up to about \$5. They are being manufactured in more and more varied designs. I had a near miss from the leg of one shaped like a

teddy bear the other day. I am not saying that people are less polite than they used to be. Most of them move their bodies delicately to you, as courteous English people have always done. But they simply lack the instinct to allow for their excrescences. They swing round on the pavement to say something funny to their companion, and the backpack goes straight into a passeraisle of a bus, with their shoulder-bag striking every alternate person who is sitting down.

nd what is in those bags? That is the mystery. The answer to what is in the hard briefcases is the easiest to give. Men travelling on the London Underground will sometimes open them on their knees for a moment, and you get a glimpse. They contain a copy of last night's Evening Standard and an apple, or a box of paper handkerchiefs and an apple. In brief, they contain nothing. Like all the other bags, they are power bags, carried purely for their

own sake. But that still leaves the question of what is in all the other bags, so visibly and tangibly packed. Not all the cosmetics and complementary pills in Boots could fill those women's bags. Are they stuffed with thermal vests, a year's copies of Harper's & Queen, a portable pregnancy test and a cardboard case of yoghurts? Even those could not produce a missile as heavy and lethal as some of the bags

I have never owned a briefcase of any kind. From an early age I knew that if I got one, it would become as embodied a part of me as the nose and lip rings that you also see around you nowadays (though how harm-

lessly!) on the Tube. I have never found that I read, needed to carry anything to or from work with me, except from time to time when I wanted a book or two. To take several books does indeed pose a problem without a bag - they slip easily from under a tucked arm and damage their corners when they fall - and I acknowledge that I have had recourse at times to a plastic bag -something that I hate both seeing and

out I have a degree of sympathy for people who carry plastic bags, unattractive though they look. At least I know that they are carrying something for a genuine purpose - they could not possibly just be trying to make an impression And if the contents could inflict an injury, at least the bag itself can do no

It might be tempting to have a bag just as a means of defence, and indeed I have witnessed more than one resounding clash between bag carriers. But I do not let my thoughts go down that road. More often. though I am no lover of things Japanese, I simply long for the day—which like all things is bound to come—when the bonsai bag comes into

However, I must confess to the offence against my fellow pederations ans. On a rainy day. I cannot go a hundred yards down a street without hitting someone on the head with my

#### Scotch mist

Sir Nicholas Scott, MP for Chelsea, after his fabulously intoxicated showing at last week's Tory conference. He was found completely smashed and flat on his face on a Bournemouth street after a big night with the staff of the Irish Embassy. A combination of pain killers and alcohol, pleaded "Scorch" Scott — although those who have seen him pack it away at



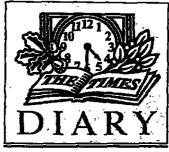
'It was OK, but Summer Holiday's story was stronger constituency parties were not so

convinced. Writing to his local association. Scotch says: "I wanted to write to you as a member of the General Purposes Committee to say how deeply sorry I am for the problems which the events of the last week have caused. I have, unwittingly, hurt a lot of people; but I hope you will not believe everything you may have read in the press."

Scotch needs to do some sucking up for he will face one of the least unimpressive Referendum Party candidates. Robin Birley, in the general election. Fissures are already appearing among K & C's conservatives who represent some of the Referenders' ripest targets. "I cannot turn the clock back." Scotch ends his letter, "and I know I will long regret the incident."

Pricey prance

ALWAYS one for the grand ges-ture. Kerry Packer, media magnate and ageing polo player, has bought the rights to Diana. Princess of Wales's visit to Australia. He is said to have paid £1.5 million to a hospital charity for exclusive a lifetime and visiting the theatre



media coverage of her visit this

month The development follows my story earlier this month that James Packer, his square-jawed son, has his heart set on a dance with the Princess when she visits. Packer senior's generous gesture should ensure that Jamie gets his waltz.

Artful dodge

MODESTY overcame Sean Connery at the first night in London of his tremendous production of Yasmina Reza's play Art, starring Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott. He insisted that praise for its success was due not to himself but to his wife. Micheline. "She discovered it," he explained.

Micheline admitted to the discovery, after breaking the habit of in Paris. "I was collared by a friend and dragged along," she said, "but I liked it so much that I made Sean

Bigwig

MORE shocking to the world of rock than news of Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall's marital difficulties is a vicious rumour doing the air-guitar circuit that the lead singer of the Rolling Stones doesn't enjoy a full head of hair.

Whatever the case, wigs now feature large in the rock business four out of five of the band Deep Purple are said to sport hairpieces - and tonsorial technology can ensure they remain fixed despite vigorous dancing. Jagger's office is



Micheline: a discovery



astonished: "It's absolutely un-

BLOODHOUNDS are the latest outlet for the rebellious instincts of Sir Richard Body, MP for Holland and Boston, one of the original and certainly the most courtly of the Tory Euro-sceptics. Body, for several years the Joint Master of the Windsor Forest Bloodhounds, has now set up his own, breakaway

hounds. On Sunday, Body took himself



Breakaway pack of hounds: bloodhound and Sir Richard Body

Doggone

true," said a spokeswoman.

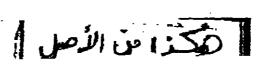
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across the Berkshire countryside as the prey. "We do clean boot

hunting," he says. "No special scent involved." Any dog-owning Euro-sceptic yet to hitch up to the Referendum Party should get in

 Bungee jumpers, white water rafters and thrill seekers every-where might like a new job advertised by the BBC World Service and proving unpopular among staff already there: permanent representative in Kabul, Afghanistan a town currently being flattened with the regularity of a wicket in high summer.

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#### **CULLEN'S CRAFT**

Deep thought and feeling for the victims of Dunblane

The tragedy of Dunblane touched the nation. The suffering of parents robbed of their children prompted a desire for action. to minimise the risk of such an atrocity ever happening again. It is right that Parliament should respond speedily with legislation to protect the public. New laws are the least the Dunblane parents are due. A wise response, however, will acknowledge emotion's claim without allowing it to overwhelm. It is important that consequent, legislation, conceived in justified anger, is considered with

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The possibility of any Act being intro-duced so soon after the killings is due in great measure to the skill, speed and thoroughness of Lord Cullen. His conduct of the inquiry into the tragic events of March 13 has secured the gratitude of all those affected and his report should also win him the thanks of legislators. Its recommendations will allow Parliament to introduce measures which should improve school safety, the operation of youth organisations and the licensing of firearms. Lord Cullen's proposals to train some and accredit all of those who work with young people are altogether welcome. The inquiry exposed the worrying ease with which a man like Thomas Hamilton could set up a boys' club and exercise unsupervised authority over the vulnerable young. Bureaucratic interference in civil associations is rarely welcome but this intervention in defence of children is absolutely necessary.

The other significant recommendations which should safeguard children are the proposals governing school security. It is reassuring that the Government is prepared to release money to allow improvements to be made. Lord Cullen's recommendations draw on the logic of his report into the explosion on the Piper Alpha oil rig. Investigating how safety procedures broke down then with such appalling loss of life, he concluded that rather than an outside body laying down specific recommendations it should be up to the operators of a platform to construct a "safety case" and argue that their independently generated plan would protect lives. By asking schools to prepare their own safety strategy and action plan Lord Cullen recognises that a single set of rules he might lay down cannot cover the wide variety of schools in the country. School safety should spring from hard thinking by teachers and the search for best practice rather than

passive adoption of new regulations. New regulation is, however, precisely what is

licence, to monitor better the weapons use of chances of lethal weapons being held in legal, but altogether unsuitable, hands.

But no licensing scheme, however tightly drawn, can prevent guns being misused. That is why Lord Cullen, the Government and the opposition parties are all right to argue, albeit to different degrees, for restrictions on the availability of handguns. Handguns, unlike shotguns or rifles, are easy to conceal and are designed to kill people not animals. Although thousands enjoy innocent sport with handguns, many who use them are not restrained by the traditional taboos which influence those who stalk and shoot game with rifle and shotgun. An ugly subculture has developed which celebrates the power that handguns are supposed to confer. It is absolutely right to ensure that individuals are denied the weapons which Thomas Hamilton used to such devastating effect. There should be no place for semi-automatic weapons except on the battlefield or in the policeman's holster.

Indeed, the case for banning all handguns, as made by Labour, the Liberal Democrats, the SNP and the former Home Office Minister, David Mellor, is extremely persuasive. The Home Secretary is right, there is a last case for caution. The victims of Dunblane deserve hard thinking as well as deep feeling.

#### SIMPLE, SIGNORA

How Bonino can improve Europe's fisheries policy

This week, not for the first time, Britain and Spain clashed angrily over fish. The collision between Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, and Loyola de Palacio, his hectoring Spanish counterpart (whose tackle derives more from rugby than from fishing). was messy proof of the gulf that still separates this country from other member states of the European Union on fundamental issues.

Radical reform of the common fisheries policy has long been needed. British fishermen have long needed more defence from the British government. Mr Baldry was correct to stand his ground this week on the vexed question of Spanish "quotahoppers", even if it earned him the Iberian ire of Senor de Palacio. The conservation of Europe's depleted fish stocks cannot be now be properly accomplished without fundamental, and rapid, reform.

Emma Bonino, the EU's Fisheries Commissioner, is right to seek a cut in fishing fleets and the total allowable catch. Far too much fish is caught by far too many fishermen with far too few controls. Yet for Britain to accept a reduction in its fishing fleet, a way must be found to take account of the large, de facto "reduction" which has occurred already: since foreign fishermen control 20 per cent of Britain's off-shore fleet tonnage, this country has operated for the last decade at only 80 per cent of its legitimate capacity. New fleet cuts would deplete that percentage still further.

There are two ways forward. Either bona fide British fishermen should be exempted from the proposed cuts, on the argument

that these are already effectively in place. Or the Commission sjould impose the same cuts on the British fleet as on everyone else's, but do away with the "quota-hoppers". The second option is the better. The first option would not protect fish stocks, and would leave the question of "quota-hoppers" unanswered. The second option would tackle both fronts: it would ensure that fewer fish are caught by fewer fishermen, as well as ensuring that British fishermen enjoy the fruits of Britain's deep-sea resources. It would also serve as a template for the much needed, top-to-bottom overhaul of the common fisheries policy.

Flags of fishing convenience - the very problem which the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act sought to address - are at the core of Europe's fishing crisis. The time has come for nationality and residence requirements for vessel owners, operators and employees. Fishing companies wishing to register in Britain must prove that their vessels are at least 75 per cent British-owned. This departure from free-market principles can be justified in terms of the alarmingly pleted, potentially non-renewable nature of the resource. This is a genuine emergency.

Britain cannot sit back and allow plunder to continue. It must fight against the European fisheries policy in the European way, with vigour, aggression, and the strongest resolve. The EU spends £400 million to subsidise Europe's enormous fishing fleet, a third of which is Spanish (excluding "quota-hoppers"). If Britain's fleet is cut, so must the Spanish subsidy be. It is as simple as that, Signora Bonino.

#### **BITTER HERITAGE**

A few thoughts, minister, on preserving the great British pub

The Campaign for Real Ale says that the traditional British pub needs conservation just as much as stately homes and cathedrals. Never slow to jump on a popular beerwagon, Mrs Bottomley's Department of National Heritage may be preparing an inventory of historic public houses that preserve this unique British tradition. A first draft of the report has fortuitously found its way to The Times.

The Slughorn and Stradivarius (a vile inn) epitomises the cosy hospitality of the London pub, praised by writers from Dr Johnson to Charles Dickens. The regulars (many music students) crouch over the bar so densely that the irregular visitor has to semaphore his order across a wall three backs deep. Guest les are a recent tradition, and are so flat

hat they serve them on a platter. The Rover's in Manchester represents the mythical Never-Never-Tavern of Northern soap opera dreams. Mine Hosts, Vera and Jack Duckworth, are legendary, and as ageless as make-up and their agents can keep them. The snug may have gone. But Betty's hotpot is still top of the menu in this

age of the microwave, more popular even than such traditional dishes as Ploughman's with Kiwi fruit and chicken satay. The stars discuss their emotional problems while the extras mouth rhubarb. The view of Coronation Street cannot be missed.

Macheth's Head at Stratford-upon-Avon combines the lure of the heritage trail with the attractions of Olde Englishe Taverne Fayre Sportes. Pub games draw the coachloads. But the Bard's beer and skittles and Shakespeare's shove ha'penny have been replaced by Petruchio's pool tables. The spread of this traditional new game has added to the tight intimacy and back-chat that make the British pub inimitable.

The Wearing of the Green is one of the new tradition of cod Irish pubs. The bar staff are given a course in stage Irish accents, and there are two barmaids on duty, one to serve drinks and the other to waffle ethnically and listen to blarney. The push-button till makes surprising profits, but they could sell even more stout if they filled the glasses properly. There are regular opportunities to contribute to traditional Irish charities.

needed to cover the licensing of guns. Lord Cullen concedes in his report that

even if police suspicions had led to Thomas Hamilton's gun licence being revoked he would have won it back on appeal. The proposals to insist on two references for any gun owners, to allow chief police officers to revoke licenses and to make the appeal process tougher are all welcome. They should go a significant way to limiting the

however, to draw attention to the unhappy history of absolute prohibition. By restricting ownership of handguns to those of low calibre which have long been used in sport and insisting they be held under stringent security in clubs, Mr Howard may be able to allow genuine sportsmen an outlet and prevent the driving of law-abiding individuals outside the law. Mr Straw's support for a total ban on handguns has the merit of simplicity and overwhelming popular support. But before any absolute ban is introduced MPs should reflect on whether

Sir, A shotgun in a confined space can

Had Thomas Hamilton walked into Dunblane Primary School with a shotgun, easily concealed in sawn-off form, he could have caused as much death and misery as he did with a handgun. Despite this Snowdrop have set about convincing politicians and members of the public that all

vinced, more to do with vote-winning than trying to prevent another trag-

MARK MARSH, 5 Columbus Square, Manor Road, Érith, Kent,

From Mr Noel Falconer

strict certain ammunition. Any bullet can strike a vital part of the human body: but strong, sharppointed target rounds otherwise tend to enter and leave cleanly, inflicting less than lethal wounds.

dums" banned in war - expand or disintegrate on impact, aggravating the direct damage and transferring their entire energy to the victim, to kill by hydrostatic shock. Such a 22 is fully as deadly as a conventional 38, yet is commercially available, and not to police services alone.

Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4JL.

introduction of a register of convicted paedophiles (letter, October 15) and to make it an offence for them to seek work which involves access to children. Neither of these measures. though desirable, would have been effective to curtail Hamilton's activities.

Parliament should therefore give consideration to a system of registration of clubs and other voluntary organisations in which adults have direct dealings with children. It should be a criminal offence for adults to organise youth clubs without obtaining such registration.

This would give parents the reassurance of knowing that their children were in safe hands and the police the means to deal with those, such as Hamilton, who cloak their obsessions under the guise of an interest in the

Yours faithfully. DAVID I. JONES. The Coach House, Pabo, Llandudno Junction, Conwy.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

#### Handgun ban and risks to the public From Mr Richard Warden

Sir. I suggest those who oppose the storage of most of the remaining handguns in clubs (reports, October 15, 16) have produced an argument in favour of the total prohibition of these

Dunblane and Hungerford have created an overwhelming view that, at minimum, private ownership should be banned because the risks to the public are unacceptable. If gun clubs argue that collective storage is not argue that conective storage is not possible because it will create arsenals vulnerable to attack, then they are creating a position that has only one outcome: that any means of storing handguns in the UK carries unacceptable risks. The only course of action, then,

is a complete ban on these weapons. Proposals to tighten the procedures for issuing firearms certificates are not, on their own, going to satisfy people, Already the BMA has rejected the proposal for medical references (report, August 13) on the grounds that such a procedure would be unreliable.

So far there has been a disappointing response from handgun owners: negative responses to possible sol-utions, discreditable statements made about one of the Dunblane parents, and the subsequent loss of support from Sebastian Coe, MP (report, September 12), and calls for compensation for loss of weapons if there is a ban (with no thought of compensation for

If the amitude of the gun lobby is as self-interested as it appears to me, then a total ban is the only answer.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WARDEN, 2 Waterloo Way, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. October 16,

From Mr Mark Marsh

be as deadly as a handgun. Why then have the Government and Labour Party moved towards a total ban of handguns but not shotguns? The difference is that a pressure group has not spent the last seven months calling for the banning of shotguns. The Snowdrop campaign's frequently aired and emotionally charged argument does not stand up to scrutiny.

This apparent decision has, I'm con-

Yours faithfully,

Sir, As well as limiting handguns I am glad to see the Government is to re-

Anti-personnel bullets -- the "dum-

Simple banning might challenge the arms manufacturers to apply their formidable expertise in circumventing legislation. Rather, we need to authorise closely specified target ammunition, and prohibit all else.

Yours sincerely, NOEL FALCONER. 223 Bramhall Moor Lane,

From Mr David I. Jones

Sir, In the understandable concern over the possession and use of handguns there is a danger of overlooking the other ingredient that made Thomas Hamilton lethal: his obsessive and unhealthy interest in young boys which for many years went unchecked and which the police were apparentiy unable to address because he had not been convicted of an offence.

The crime Bill, to be put before Parliament shortly, is likely to lead to the

welfare of young people.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. F. BUXTON,

Yeovil, Somerset.

October 10.

Galhampton Manor,

#### Publisher's verdict on Gerry Adams bombings against civilians gunned

down by Paras. People can read Mr

Adams's account and set it against the

perspective offered by publications

for all the people of both our islands is

how we arrange our political relation-

ships in the future to remove political

violence, to rid ourselves of the 30,000

armed personnel in the pay of the

British Government, and to rid our-

selves of the irregular forces of the IRA, the UDA, the INLA and the

I have absolutely no apology to make for publishing the writings of

Gerry Adams. On the contrary, I be-

lieve that they can contribute to under-

standing, just as censorship worked to

frustrate understanding. I have come

to know Gerry Adams quite well over

the years and I know with certainty

that his determination now is, as it

has been for some years, to help to

bring about a peaceful resolution of

tal choice, make independent schools

more exclusive and deny educational opportunities to children of the less

We know assisted places benefit

those for whom they are intended: the

average annual income of parents in the scheme is £10,600. And we know

they are a good investment; research

this year indicates that assisted place

pupils in independent schools do bet-

ter by up to three A-level grades than

their contemporaries of similar abil-

Many people would support reduc-

ng class sizes as a contribution to-

wards raising educational standards.

But ending a scheme which benefits

low income families whose children

achieve academic excellence is not the

ities in other schools.

way to do it.

Yours faithfully

National Director,

DAVID WOODHEAD,

56 Buckingham Gate, SWI.

the conflict.

STEVE MacDONOGH

Brandon Book Publishers,

(Editorial Director),

Dingle, Co Kerry.

Yours etc.

October 14.

But in the end what matters most

such as your own.

From Mr Steve MacDonogh

Sir. On October 7 both your leading article and a report by Nicholas Watt expressed great hostility to the publication of Before the Dawn by Gerry Adams (letter, October 12).

I have been Mr Adams's editor and publisher since 1982. In none of his seven books published to date is there any recommendation of violence, nor is there any attempt to portray vio-lence as exciting, admirable or heroic - unlike hundreds of books about the SAS, the Paras and other military organisations. Indeed, the principal thrust of Mr Adams's contribution to republican politics has been to argue for political rather than military approaches to resolving the conflict in Ireland and between Britain and Ire-

Before the Dawn conveys in graphic detail the behaviour and activities of those whom you support so enthusiastically - successive British governments which have used the violence of combat troops in an allegedly policing role. It is therefore not surprising that you seek to denigrate the book, its publishers and author.

Irish and British commentators can argue the toss till kingdom come, weighing civilian deaths in IRA

Assisted places From the National Director of the Independent Schools Information

Sir, Your readers should not be misled by the Shadow Education Secretary's claim that phasing out the assisted places scheme by a Labour government would "ensure 500,000 infants are in classes of 30 or under" (report, October 11).

In fact, the savings from phasing out the scheme would provide only one extra teacher between every eight state schools for five to seven-yearolds. Even that assumes the State would bear no extra cost in absorbing pupils who would have held assisted places in independent schools.

For this paltry gain a Labour government would scrap a scheme which, according to a recent MORI poll (report, September 28), is supported by 63 per cent of all voters and 55 per cent of Labour voters; only 21 per cent of the former and 27 per cent of the latter oppose it. Labour would limit paren-

'Easier' A levels

From the Headmaster of

Sir, Good examination results are im-

portant for everyone now, but Mr Jon-

athan Carey is surely right in sugges-

ting that evidence of achievement in

later life would be a valuable insight

It would be difficult and also unfort-

unate to gather the facts in narrow fin-

ancial terms; we are as proud of those

who are teaching or working for the

For a Christian, achievement is not

to be measured simply in terms of so-

cial status or financial success. How-

ever, anecdotal evidence among Old

succour of the weak as of our scholars.

industrialists and financiers.

Ampleforth College

(letter, October 10).

October 11. Amplefordians does suggest that some now prominent in business or professional life were distinctly not among the highest academic achievers, and it may be that they gained something else here which allowed them to grow in the confidence and wisdom which they have since suc-

Independent Schools Information

cessfully applied in their work. An Abbot of Ampleforth was once asked what happened in later life to the denizens of the bottom form, then ungraciously called the Lower Remove. The Abbot replied that they generally employed the scholars.

gitimacy and public confidence, but

not "at the expense of the House of Commons", whose authority is bound

to be undermined by both Labour and

It is an issue which deserves more

urgent action from Parliament itself,

including the hereditary peers. I be-

lieve there should be an all-party

group in both houses working on the

alternatives already put forward in

various reports. One solution could be

through extending the number of in-dependent peers. Perhaps the bishops

and members of the Armed Forces

could be joined by nominees from the

other professions, "elected" through

Liberal proposals for an elected sec-

Yours etc. LEO CHAMBERLAIN. Headmaster, Ampleforth College, York. October 12

ond chamber.

#### Lords reform

From the Earl of Sandwich

Sir. Many will sympathise with Lord Cranborne's view ("Don't unbalance our unwritten constitution". October II) that the House of Lords needs reform. But he is still unconvinced that it can be done effectively. The removal of the hereditary vote - whether or not it is spread over a generation - requires some alternative system of election or nomination, or the pack of cards will fall down. The question is whether the public demands a solution, or is reform merely a gimmick in the Labour manifesto?

My view is that some action needs to be taken before, not after, the next election. There must at least be new attendance rules because many peers stay away and the backwoodsmen have lost the Government all credibility. The Lords needs to have more le-

Sir, Lord Wakeham's statement that

"nobody would benefit from statutory

controls [of press behaviour]" [letter,

October 10; see also letters. October

14] ignores two points. First, that such

controls would reduce the unaccep-

tably high number of complaints to

which he refers; and, secondly, that

they have already been recommended

He may also care to reflect on the

by the independent Calcutt commit-

fact that his party introduced legisla-

tion to curb the power of the trade un-

ions in the early 1980s. Despite the

grave misgivings of politicians and

others as to whether such legislation

was appropriate, it has operated very

effectively to curb that abuse of power.

#### Press complaints Lithuanian economy From Mr James Buxton

From the Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania

an all-party group.

Yours sincerely,

Mapperton House,

Beaminster, Dorset,

SANDWICH.

October 12

Sir, in her article on the current Baltic Arts '96 festival in London (Arts, October 8) Hilary Finch states that "all the [Lithuanian] banks have collapsed". In fact II Lithuanian national banks are operating at full capacity.

Ms Finch also refers to Lithuania as

"the poorest of the three Baltic states" yet, according to Eurostat calculations, in 1994 the GDP per capita in Lithuania was the highest in the Baltic states at US \$3,771, and growth has been sustained in 1995 with a 3 per cent increase. Also, according to the Baltic News Service, it is not Lithuania who leads in the hard crime rate

among the three Baltic states. Finally, it is no secret that few artists around the world fully earn their living from their talents and many are forced to supplement their incomes by seeking outside employment, be it driving taxis or waiting at tables. Lithuania is no exception to this sad fact.

Yours sincerely JUSTAS PALECKIS, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania. 84 Gloucester Place, WI. October 10.

#### Censorship on the Elizabethan stage

From Professor Pairick Collinson

Sir. You report (October 11) the discovery of a Privy Council letter of 1589. initiating state censorship of the Elizabethan theatre.

Your readers may like to know what this was about: not the general Zeitgeist, as proposed by David Star-key of the LSE, nor Marlowe's Tamburlaine, as suggested by Dr Beal of Sotheby's, but a very particular and peculiar set of circumstances.

In 1588-89 the bishops of the Church of England were lampooned by the pseudonymous Martin Marprelate in a series of brilliant and seditious tracts. It was the bright idea of a cler-gyman called Richard Bancroft to employ the literary hacks of the day to respond in the same coin, not only in print but in jigs and, as it were, little pantomimes, in which Martin Mar-prelate was "lanced and wormed" in the public theatres.

These were the certen matters of divinitie ... unfit to be suffred of which the Council complained, and which Francis Bacon deplored in a veiled attack on Bancroft. However, Bancroft's career was not damaged. and in 1604 he became Archbishop of

Yours etc. PAT COLLINSON. Trinity College, Cambridge. October 12

#### A matter of dates

From Mr Andrew Neil Sir, I was pleased to learn from your interestingly-timed interview with Pamella Bordes (October 15) that she has now found respectable employment. You wrongly report, however, that I dated her in the summer of 1989.

In fact it was the summer of 1988. The scandal surrounding her broke in the News of the World in February. 1989, almost six months after I had broken up with her. It follows that your caption under a picture of us together, which you say shows us "during the Commons scandal", is also wrong. By the time the story broke we had not met for several months - nor have we since.

I was also intrigued by the headline on your interview: "How I learnt to survive after the Andrew Neil affair". I'm grateful for the publicity but it is not her brief affair with me that she has had to overcome - which was normal, if somewhat tempestuous, single man dates single girl arrangement - but the subsequent revelation that, unknown to me, she was a prosti-

You will find all these matters accurately documented in my forthcoming book.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW F. NEIL, Hong Kong Parkview, Reservoir Road, Hong Kong. October 16.

#### Testing times

From Mrs A. W. Jones

Sir. A postscript to Dr Farrer's letter (October 10): on Saturday, July 12, 1930, Bradman added 25 runs before being caught Duckworth, bowled Tate, for 334 and my sister and I saw it all happen — we were quite small but have never forgotten it.

How many of the other spectators on that day are still watching cricket

Yours faithfully. BARBARA JONES. 11 Guildford Avenue Walton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. October 10.

#### Dim view

From Mr Alun Morgan

Sir, I am surprised that Mr Cuthbertson (letter, October 10) finds dim bedside lighting in hotels a recent phenomenon.

For many years I have considered a 100 watt bulb, together with a screwdriver, tin-opener, bottle-opener and corkscrew, to be an essential part of any hotel survival kit.

Yours sincerely. ALUN MORGAN. Nyth Aderyn. North Cliffe, Tenby, Pembrokeshire. October 10.

#### Face-saving

From Major John FilzGerald

Sir, Mr Wake-Walker [letter, October 12; see also letter, October 15] is probably not old enough to remember those heady far-off days when one's face flannel (very much in the singular and clearly marked with a name tape) was almost a permanent document throughout one's early life.

He may not, therefore, be aware that prep school matrons used to round up every little boy's flannel about halfway through the term when they were beginning to pong and plunge them in a bucket of household ammonia for a few hours before rinsing and returning them to their owner's washroom cubby-hole in time for the evening wash.

Yours faithfully, JOHN FITZGERALD. 68 Heworth Village, York.

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#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 16: The President of the

Republic of Moldova and Mrs Snegur visited The Queen. His Excellency Señor Fernando Andrade Diaz-Durán was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Guatemala to the Court of St James's. Señor de Andrade was also

received by The Queen. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

was present. Mrs Christian Adams was received by Her Majesty.

Mr Justice Sumner was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a

His Excellency Mr Leif Blomqvist and Mrs Blomqvist were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Finland to the Court of St James's.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at Dinner this evening by the Ambas-sador from the United States of America (His Excellency Admiral William Crowe, Jr) and Mrs Crowe at Winfield House, Regent's Park, London NWI.

His Royal Highness, Admiral of the Fleet, this morning attended a briefing for Admirals of the Fleet at the Ministry of Defence and afterwards attended a Luncheon at Admiralty Arch, The Mall, London SWI.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 16: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust. this morning visited HM Prison Coldingley, Bisley, Woking, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this afternoon opened the new Kingston upon Thames Day Services Centre, Springfield Place, New Malden,

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, later ded the Commodores Recep tion and Annual General Meeti at the Four Seasons Hotel, Hamilton Place, London WI.

Her Royal Highness. Com-mandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, this evening attended a Reception for he Grand Prior's Cadets at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London

KENSINGTON PALACE October 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. was present this evening at a Reception given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 16: Princess Alice. Duch ess of Gloucester was represented by Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Brigadier Robert Riddle which was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart Penicuik, Midlo

thian, this morning.

The Duchess of Gloucester pre-sented The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards for environmental improvement, for the Tidy Britain Group at a luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel, London WI.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK October 16: Princess Alexandra. Patron, this afternoon visited the House of St Barnabas in Soho, I Greek Street, London WI, to mark the 150th Anniversary of its

foundation. Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust, this evening attended a Reception and Concert at the Mansion House, London EC4.

#### Birthdays today

Mr Colin Bailey, Chief Constable Carpenter, sports commentator 71; Sir Sydney Chapman. MP, 61; Mr Jonathan Charkham, formei Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England, 66; Dr Alexander Cooke, physician, 97; the Earl of Dalhousie, KT, 82; Mr Shaun Edwards, rugby league player, 30; Lady (William) Fraser, chairman, Christian Aid, 64: Mr Alan Garner, author, 62; Sir Ralph Gibson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 74; Sir Christopher Harding, chairman, Legal and General, 57: Mrs. Ann Jones, tennis player. 58; Miss Margot Kidder, actress, 48: Lord Kilbracken, 76: Mr Stephen Kovacevich, pianist, 56; Mr Michael Lord, MP, 58; Sir Cameron Mackintosh, musical producer, 50; Mr Arthur Miller, playwright, 81; Mr A.W. Rudge, chairman, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, 59; Mr Victor Serebriakoff, honorary president, Mensa International, 84; Mr B.D. Taylor, former chief executive, Glaxo Holdings, 61.

#### Service dinners

RN Reserve Officers' Dining Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall. Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, proposed the toast to The Immortal Memory at a Trafalgar ladies' night dinner held last night on board HQS Welling-ton. Captain F. Ashe Lincoln

The Light Infantry Major-General Michael Regan presided at the annual dinner of the Light Infantry Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

#### Service reunion

Clover Club Members of the Clover Club (8th Indian Division) and their ladies attended the annual reunion held yesterday at HM Tower of London. Mr Philip Brooks presided. Mr Tim Dodwell, president. vas among those present.

#### Luncheons The Queen Mother's Birthday

The Duchess of Gloucester pre sented The Queen Mother's Birthday Trophy to the Bank of Scotland at The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards Luncheon held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Sir Antony Acland, Chairman of the Tidy Britain Group, was the host. Premier Awards were presented to:

Company: OCS Group Limited. Statutory Authorities: Port of London Authority Local Authorities: Middlesbrough Borough Council.
Media: Agenda TV.
Enterprise: Tidy North.
Voluntary Organisations: the
Mossely Society.
Youth Group: Pride in Perth Youth.
School: Ashley School. Widnes.

Individual: Miss Anthea Turner.

Thirty eight National Commen-Awards were also presented.

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was the host yesterday at a function held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Chile. Among those

President of Chile. Among those present were:
Senor José Miguel Insulza, Senor Alvaro Garda, the Ambassador of Chile. Senor Francisco Bartolucci, Senor Tomás Jocetyn-Holt. Mr Malcolm Rifikind, OC. MP. Mr Anthony Nelson, MP. Mr Eddle George, Mr Frank Wheeler and Mr Edward Oakden.

Carmen's Company The Lord Mayor was a speaker at

a luncheon of the Carmen's Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall after a court meeting when Mr J.M.B. Gotch was installed Master of the Carmen's Company Mr J.E. Ratcliff was install Senior Warden, and Mr BJ. Hooper as Junior Warden. The Master, Mr C.W. Lloyd and Mr J.G. Davis also spoke at the

#### Eton luncheon

The Lyttelton Club held a luncheon yesterday in Election Chamber. Eton. The Earl of Malmesbury, the Right Rev S.W. Phipps, Mr J.R. Pope, Mr I.C. Faulconer, Mr A.I. Geikie Cobb and Mr A.J.W. Lewis were among those present.

#### **Dinners**

Social Security and Child

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Social Security and Child Support Commissioners held last night at Lincolns Inn. Judge Kenneth Machin. QC, Chief ssioner, presided

HM Government

Mr. Malonim Rifkind, OC. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at I Carlton Gardens in honour of Señor Abel Mannes Juan, Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Parish Clerks' Company The Rev Graham Blacktop, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by the Wardens, Mr O.W.H. Clark and Mr J.D. Hebblethwaite, presided at a court dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after attending evensong at St James Garlickhithe when the Rev John Paul officiated Mr W.H. Dove, Parish Clerk of St

dinner. The Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company. Mr Deputy Richard Saunders and Mr RJ. Pincham were among the guests.

Botolph without Aldgate, and Mr Philip Willoughby, Chief

Commoner, also spoke at the

Foundation for Science and

Technology Lord Butterworth, chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor B.J. Hoskins, Mr Vic Cocker and Mr Christopher J.A. Binnie were the speakers.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Oueen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and will re-open the Raphael Galleries at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will present the 1996 Benjamin Franklin medal at St James's Palace at noon; and, as Life Member and Gold Card Holder of the Variety Club of Great Britain, will attend a celebration dinner at the Banqueting House. Whitehall, at 7.00. The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will open the new pharmacy development at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, Bessemer Road, SE5, at 11.00; will open the artificial pitch, London University Sports Ground, Motspur Park, New Malden, at 200; and will attend a dinner at Admiralty House at 8.10 to mark the

aniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, will visit the Royal Hospital, Haslar, Gosport, Hampshire, at 12.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, will attend a gala evening at the Derngate Theatre, Northampton, at 7.00.



The Princess Royal handles a young peregrine falcon reared by prisoners during a visit to Coldingley Prison, Surrey, yesterday. The birds are bred for sale or release into the wild by immates as part of a small business project

#### Memorial service

Major Sir Richard Rasch

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Sir Richard Rasch, a Member of HM Body Guard, Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 1968-88, was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, The Rev Leslie Bryan officiated, assisted by Canon John Reynolds. Sir Simon Rasch, son, and Brigadier A.G. Heywood, read the lessons. Lord Carrington, KG,

CH, gave an address. Among others present were: others present were:

Flona Lady Rasch (widow), Lady Rasch (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Timothy Rose Price (son-in-law and daughter), Major David Rasch (brother), Mr Shella King (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Timothy Forbes and Mr and Mrs Arthur Hickie (stepsons-in-law and step-daughters), Mr Dominic Rose Price, Mr Partick Rose Price, Katherine Rose Price, Mr Charles Forbes and Miss Rose Hickie (stepsand-children), Mr Guy Rasch, Miss Jane Rasch, Mr and Mrs Robert Jackson, Mr and Mrs Robert Jackson, Mr and Mrs Matthew King, Signora Giulla Sersale.

The Marchloness of Cholmondeley, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Ann Countess of Yarborough, Major-General Earl and Countess Cathcart, the Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle. Lord Aberdare, Lord Dunboyne, Lord Giendyne, Lord Suffield, Baroness Sharpies, Lord and Lady Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Lady

Baroness Sharples, Lord and Lady Ligyd George of Dwylor, Lady Ashcombe. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, Lord and Lady Farnham. Lord and Lady Monteagle of Brandon, Lord and Lady Terr-iogion

ington.
Lady Caroline d'Erlanger, Lady
Vanessa Brown, Lady Sophia
Kinmont, Lady Anne Seymour, the

Hon Christopher Lyttelton, the Hon Rupert and Mrs Carington, the Hon Nrs van der Woude, the Hon Sir Cilve Bossom (representing the Master of the Grocers' Company), the Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Healing, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Edmondson, the Hon Mrs Healing, the Hon Mrs Rose Price, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Julian Berry. Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, Major Sir Charles Wiggin, Lieutenant-Commander Sir Michael and Lady Bunbury, Major Sir Fergus and the Hon Lady Matheson of Matheson, Sir Henry and Lady Warner, Anne Lady Scot, Sir Alastair and Lady Coaks, Sir Antony Bootham, Sarah Lady Wiggin. Sir Joshua Rowley, Sir Anthony and Lady Weldon, Lady Sykes, Sir Guy and Lady Millard, Sir David and Lady Holden, Lady Legge Bourke, Sir Carron and Lady Greig, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston.

SIF CARTON AND LAMY CALLES IN John Johnston.
Lidy Baring, Lady Delacombe, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, Sir Antony Murray, Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, Major-General Sir Winghoff Connander Corden and Lady Betty Winnington, Wing-Commander Gordon and Lady Bridget Sinciair. Major Michael and Lady Joanna Stouton, Major and the Hon Mrs Rohn Bowiby, Mr Peter Cruwder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer.
Colonel Tom Hall (Lieutenant, HM Body Guard, Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms), Lieutenant-Colonel Conway Seymour (representing Grenadier Guards) Mr Simon Corbett (James Capel), Mr Jamie Judd (chairman, Walter Judd), Mr Mark Nickerson (Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund), Mr Peter Rickett (Austin Friars Security) and Mrs Rickett.
Mrs Anthony Heywood, Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, Madam James Mitchell, Mrs J Benjamin, Mrs David Lord, Lieutenant-

Colonel Anthony Mather, Major A B Mainwaring-Burton. Mrs Richard Neville, Mr and Mrs Simon Bonham. Mrs Peter Beckwirthsmith, Mrs Willoughby Norman, Captain and Mrs John Grotian, Mrs Gerald Boord, Major R F Birch Reynardson, Mr and Mrs Michael Harvey, Major I R Westmacott. Mr and Mrs A Boscawen, Major General Ret Whitworth, Brigadler and Mrs AN Breitmeyer, Lleutenant-Colonel John Humphreys-Evans.

Mit and Mits Roben Edwards. Mits Hildyard. Lleurenant-Colonel Richard Maybeld. Major Michael Drummond-Brady. Mr and Mits Peter de Bunsen. Brigadier Peter Prescott, Mits David Jamleson. Major-General and Mits P R Leuchars. Colonel A Gregory-Hood. Mits Brian Flugerald. Colonel Peter Hodgson. Major Rags Courage. Mr and Mits Alassair Forbes. Lleutenant-Colonel George West, Colonel N Pakenham-Mahon. Mr Michael Bonsor. Mr DV Bonsor. Mr and Mits Michael Burrell. Mits Alexander Gallitzine. Mr M Brockbank. Major and Mits John Hawkesworth. Major and Mits F Holdsworth-Hunt.

Mr and Mrs Harry St John, Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton, Mr and Mrs Michael Clark, Major Philip Colville, Mr Greville Selby-Lowndes, Mr Edward Synge, Brigadier and Mrs Michael O'Cock, Mr and Mrs Peter Adams, Mr and Mrs Henry Forbes, Mr William Bell, Mrs Simon Bond, Mr and Mrs Hugo Eastwood, Major Tim Gooch, Mrs A M Everett, Mr B Fitzgerald, Colonel David Fanshawe, Mrs Walter Goetz, Captaln and Mrs Walter Goetz, Captaln and Mrs Walter Goetz, Captaln and Mrs Michael Parker, Mr John Pryor, Mr and Mrs Nicson and Colonel O J M Lindsay.

#### Dig closes in on saint's 'shining house'

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100 human burials packed into a tiny area of a Scottish hilltop suggest that archaeologists may be closing in on one of Britain's earliest churches, built by one of the first missionary saints. Scientific mapping of buried features near by also suggests that more than a century of searching for St Ninian's 'shining house" may be almost over.

Scotland's earliest church was built by Ninian, a 5thcentury British bishop trained in Rome, at Whithorn in Dumfries and Galloway. He dedicated it to St Martin, and it came to be called the

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white house; whether it was built of white stone, or had walls covered in white plaster. is not known.

The Venerable Bede, recording Ninian's exploits, credits him with the conversion of the southern Picts. Popular accounts of his life say that he was born in AD 367, visited St Martin at Tours, and died at Whithorn in 432, where he was buried in his own church. Excavations have been carried out at Whithorn since the

last century, and the site of the Candida Casa has long been provisionally placed under the east end of the later medieval priory and cathedral church. However, early churches (though not of the 5th century) have also been found to the

have remained elusive like the saint himself. His Romanising ideas eventually triumphed over those of the Celtic church of St Columba, notably at the Synod of Whitby in AD 664. but since the Reformation both St Ninian and his shrine have fallen into obscurity.

The new discoveries have come from work carried out this summer on behalf of the Whithorn Trust by Amanda Clarke. Following the discovery of a 7th-century graveyard last year, many more burials have been uncovered, and some of these are thought to be 6th century.

Most striking, however, is the concentration of burials in the south end of the excavation, which lies on the hillton

Candida Casa, the shining or south. The earliest periods just west of the priory remains. Some local point seems to lie just beyond the limits of this year's dig. Ms Clarke said

An independent sub-surface survey has identified what appears to be the foundations of a building in that area, with its long axis running east-west on the crest of the hill, continuing the line of the medieval priory nave. While the nature and date of

the feature cannot be confirmed until further excavations are carried out, the clustering of early burials raises both the suspicion and the hope that part of the earliest monastery, and per-haps even St Ninian's own church, may finally be

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr H.G.D. Baldwin and Miss S. Troy The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Baldwin, of Shiplake. Oxfordshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Troy, of Newport, Gwent.

Mr R.J. Buckland and Miss S.C.P. Reed The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Buckland, of Lianelli, Carmarthenshire, and Sian, daughter of Mr and Mrs

John Reed, of Tenby, Pembroke

and Miss M.J. Moran

ADRIAN BROOKS

The engagement is announced between Anthony John, son of Mr Anthony Chandler and Mary Kavanagh Chandler, of London, and Mary Josephine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Moran, of Co Mayo, Ireland. Mr N.R.A. Corsellis

and Miss A.L. Davies The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Colonel and Mrs David Corsellis, of London, WII, and Anna, eldest

ughter of Mr Tudor Davies and Dr Judith Foy, of Cardiff. Mr T.W. Davis and Miss R.O. Hinde

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs William Davis, of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hinde, of Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire and Hong Kong.

Mr D.J.A. Galloway and Miss S.M. Be

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.B. Galloway, of St Andrews, Fife, and Sharon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bennett, of Crowborough, East

Mr M.J. Gilliat-Smith

and Miss J.J. Collins The engagement is announced between Mathew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brendan Gilliat-Smith, of Hadlow, Kent, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Collins, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr J.McA. Glover and Miss G.M. Burch

The engagement is announced between James, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Richard Glover, of Edinburgh, Georgina, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Edward Burch, of lvybridge, Devon.

Dr D.C. Heaney and Miss T.H.L. Brufal de Melgarejo

The engagement is announced between Dominic, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Peter Heaney, and Tabitha, daughter of the Marques and Marquesa de Lendinez, of Fleet, Hampshire and Gibrahar.

Mr E.R.V. Lacon

and Miss N. Shinh The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Sir between Richard, only said Sal Edmund Lacon, Bt. and Lady Lacon, of Halesworth, Suffolk, and Natalie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Shinh, of High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.B. Lloyd-Jones and Miss G.E. McMillan

The engagement is announced between John Benedict, only son of Mr and Mrs Elwyn Lloyd-Jones, of Colby, Isle of Man, and Gaile. daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Alister McMillan, of Ayr.

Mr M.C. Motley and Miss M.M. Carter The engagement is announced between Mark Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Motley, of Oban, Argyll, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Carter, of Eccleshall Castle, Stafford.

Mr D.F. Schuster and Miss T.C.A. Altmann The engagement is announced tween Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Schuster, of Kensington, London, and Tamara, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Altmann, of Steventon, Oxon.

Mr M.D.C. Sutdiffe and Miss H.K. Wallace The engagement is announced

between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Sutcliffe, of Great Broughton, North Yorkshire, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Wallace, of Edinburgh, Mr D.A. Warner

and Miss C.L. Brown The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Warner, of Upton Bishop, Herefordshire, and Katy, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Brown, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and Bahrain.

Middle Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple: Professor Dawn Oliver, Mr Julian Malins, QC, Mr George Pulman, QC, Lord Kingsland, QC.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wilkes, political reformer, London, 1727; Claude Henri, Comte de St-Simon, pio-neer of socialism in France. Paris, 1760: Georg Büchner, dramatist, Goddelau, Germany, 1813; Nathanael West, novelist, New York, 1903; Rita Hayworth, actress, New York, 1918.

DEATHS: Sir Philip Sidney, soldier and poet, Zutphen, Neth lands. 1586; Ninon de Lenclos. courtesan. Paris, 1705; René Réamur, scientist, St-Julien-du-Terroux, 1757; John Ward, biographer, London, 1788; George Colman the Younger, actor, Ken-sington, 1836; Frédéric Chopin, composer, Paris, 1849; Gustav Robert Kirchoff, physicist, Berlin, 1887; Patrice MacMahon, President of France 1873-79, Château La Fôret, 1890; Julia Howe, feminist, writer and reformer, Newport, Rhode Island, 1910; Sir Michael Balcon, film producer, Hartfield, Sussex, 1977; S.J. Perelman, humorist, 1979. Charles II, defeated by Oliver

Cromwell at Worcester, fled to France, 1651. The Queen opened Calder Hall. Britain's first nuclear power station, 1956.

University news Oxford ORIEL

The following elections have been made: To a scholarship: T M F Allen (English): G A Jones (Chemistry): C Lamb (Medicine): M Livesey (Mathematics): C Medvel (Modern Languages): G R Smith (Physics): I M Snell (Chemistry): L H Tan (Englineering).

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To an exhibition: J M Carroll (ppp);

Chang (Classics / English): M

Davies (English): C M Driscol

(Theology): A C M Hultson (Physics):

C Humphreys (Blochemistry); A E

Whitely [Physics]:

#### Reception Context Limited

Sir Brian Neill was guest of honour at a reception held at Gray's Inn on Monday, October 14, 1996, by Context Limited in association with the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales to mark his retirement from the bench, Lord Mustill presented Sir Brian with a copy of the electronic Law Report on behalf of Context and the Council of Law Reporting in recognition of the support and encouragement he has given to the application of information technol-

ogy to the law. Lord Woolf (Master of the Rolls), Lord Hoffmann, Lord Justice Brooke and Miss Carol Ellis, CBE, € OC, were among those present.

Church news

**Appointments** The Rev Graham Earney, Director of the Bishop Mascall Centre, and Hon Team Vicar, Ludlow group of parishes: also Diocesan elopment Representative

(Hereford). The Rev John Newcombe, Assistant Curate, St Lawrence, Stroud and Uplands w. Slad: to be Associate Minister, Nailsworth, w special responsibility for Horsley and Newington Bagpath w Kingscote (Gloucester).

Basketmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Basketmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr J. Heffernan; Junior Warden, Mr D.W. Imrie-

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BIRTHS

DENTON - On October 15th, to Julia (see Vernon) and Jonathan, a son, Edward John, a brother for Douglas, DONALD - On October 15th, in London, to Emma and Charles, a son, Hatty, a brother for Jake.

DROUSSIOTIS - On October 15th 1996, to Carolya (see Burdin) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Isabella Euridice.

DYER - On October 5th in

Entidice.

DYER - On October 5th in Nairobi to Sophie (née Willis Floming) and Martin - a daughter.

FREEDMAN - On September 4th 1996 at the Portland Hospital, to Pilar (née Senardout) and Lloyd, a son, Beajamin Aaron.

GREY - Philip and Laura are pleased to anaounce the birth of their daughter Elin Lauren on 11th October 1996, a sister for Thomas.

MARKISON - On October 5th, to

HARRISON - On October 5th, to Vivienne and Philip, a daughter, Josephine Alice Kandall

Amouall.

JOYCE - On October 11th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Sara (nie Melanghlin) and
Matthew, a son, Martin
Patrick.

Matthew, a son, Martin Patrick.
McKEAN - On 13th September, to Liz (nee White) and John, a son David John Alaydair, now at home. A brother for Helen and Giles, always ramembering Anna. Deo Gruttas.

Gentas.
MELVIN - On 13th October, to
Helen (née Goodyear) and
Lindsay, a son, David
Benedict, a brother for Buth,
Hannah and Joshua.

ranhe do not my to mear the truth, that those whom God has chosen enjoy his grace and mercy and that he course to the help of his boly people. Wisdom of Solomon a 15.

GNEW - On October 12th, to Stella (née Gilmore) and Andrew, a daughter, Elsie, a sister for Megan.

12th, to Mandy (née Dicks) and Mischa, a beautiful daughter, Elia Frederika Amma, a sister for Joe. Wow!

Anna, a sister for joe. wow:
ANDERSON - Matthew and
Yvonne (nde Birrell) are
overjoyed to announce the
arrival of Phoebe Eleanor
Louise at Forth Park
Hospital, Kirkcaldy, on
Saturday 12th October 1996.

Satunday 12th October 1996.
Many thanks to the excellent Maternity team.

SODEN - On October 10th, to Sophie (nos Limpard) and Johnnie, a daughter, Este, a sister for Anna.

SUMM: - On October 8th, to James and Mary (née Sims), a son, Samuel Charles, born at home. A much loved brother for Thomas.

brother for Thomas,
BUTCHER - On 10th October
1996 in Onkville, Ontario, to
Stephanie (ode Drucker) and
Kevin, a son, Liam.
CONCAH - On October 5th, at
Billinge, to Alison (ase
McKinstry) and Shaun, a son,
Jonathan Patrick, a brother
for Megan.

CROSTHWAITE EYRE - On

DAVIES - Andrea Maia born at POWER - On 1st October 1996, The Portland Hospital on October 10th to Chandia and Dave.

ALEXANDER - On October

people.

BIRTHS

RUSSELL - On October 7th, in St. Lö, Manche, to Rosine (née Hacault) and Alistair, a daughter, Emma Judith Leannine YATES - On September 25th at Harrogate General Hospital, to Alison (nie Herbert) and jonathan, twin sons, Harry Joseph and Charles William.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

FORD:GOSLING - On October 17th 1946 at St John the Baptist and St Helens Chutch Toby and Mary. With love from all the family.

ARMITAGE - On October 14th, Joan Augusta Munro, beloved wife of Kennelh, Funeral Service on Wednesday 23rd October at St Marylebone Crematorium East End Boad, N2 at 2 pm. BAKER - On 14th October 1996, suddenly in Tatuton, Somerset, Clifford Errest, aged 84 years. Enquiries to E. White & Son Ltd., Fuseral Directors, tel: (01823) 272183. BARBER - On 14th October 1996 peacestully, John, loved husband of Pearl. The service will take place at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, on Tuesday 22nd October at 12.45 pm. Donations to Musicians Benevoient Fund Enquiries Cranleigh Funerals, (01483) 275758.

BERAUD - Tragically, on October 13th 1996, Jean Plerre, aged 40 years of Chatsworth Derbyshire. The destily beloved husband of Diane and devoted father of Sam and Cliver. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Edensor on Wednesday, October 23rd at 10 am prior to cremation at Chesterfield. No flowers by request, Donations gratefully received for Chesterfield Eoyal Hospital Accident & Emergency Department which may be sent to J.W. & J. Mestam Limited, Mill Street, Bakewell DE45 1DK.

BISSELI - On October 13th, suddenly, Frederick Charles, aged 78, husband of the late Fulvia and dear father of Evelyn and Heather. Enquiries to AC. Towner Ltd. (01424) 436386.

OTHERS - On October 15th

SHUIMENS - On October 19th John (Jack) Valentine, Lt. Condt RN, sped 80, whilst on holiday in Dunkeid, belowed husband of Sylvin and a much lowed father and grandfather. Private cremation; a memorial service to be arranged later in Kent. BURNS - Peacefully on 13th October 1996 Jean, aged 90 years. Belaved sister of Elicen. Philip and Richard. Greatly Joved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Rest in peace.

CALDER - The Revd. Ralph
Forman Godier, on 15th
October at Mill Hill sged 89.
Beloved husband of June,
dear father of Alison and
Shiena, grandfather of
Malcolm, David, Sally, Clare
and Alex. Funeral at Union
Church, Mill Hill, on Monday
October 28th at 12.30 pm.
Familiy flowers only. Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to The
North London Hospice,
Woodside Avenus, N12 STF.

PERSONAL COLUMN

commforth - Peacefully at home on October 15th 1996. Jack Witherington Cornforth. M.A. Cantab. Formerly Engineering Manager Impende Chemical Industries Plastics Division, aged 72 years. Much loved husband of Jean for fifty one years and beloved Isther of Diapa and John Funeral Service at West Horts Crematorium, Garston, North Watford on Thuyday 24th October at 2.30 pm. Family Glowers only, Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research. Funeral artangements by LC. Weston F.D. teh (01582) 712865.

GORDON-BROWN - Ian died peacefully in bed on 5th October aged 72. His death was sudden and unexpected. Loved and respected by all,

KNOLLYS - On October 15th peacefully at home, David Cyprian aged 71, loved husband of Famele and dear father of Deborah. Catherine, Ekinbush, Fanny and Caroline, Fureral at the Pricary Church of 5t Mary and St Blaise, Boxgrove, 245 pm Wednosday 23rd October, followed by private Wednesday 23rd October, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alaheimers Society, c/o Edward White and Son, South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY.

LEE - On 13th October 1996 Gwendolen Eve May aged 82 years peacefully at her home in Richmond. Private cremation, Donations if desired to The Enthaline Dormandy Trust c/o T.H. Sandars & Sons, 447 Upper Richmond Sand West, East Sheen, SW14 77E. MADDEN - Evelyn Edith (nee Brown) anddenly at home on 13th October, aged 91. Beloved wife of the late F.A.V. Madden OBE and beloved mother of Pat, trandmother of Pathy and james and mother-in-law of Roger Scowan Fundal at St Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford, on 24th October at 12.15 pm. Enquiries to Coepet & Son (Funcai Directors), tel: (01323) 492666.

MARKS - Peacefully on October 11th 1996 at Hurst Manor, Martock, Asenath Kare Marks, in her 97th year, of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, wife of the Inte Albert Victor Marks and youngest child of the Inte Caroline and Thomas Sweet of Norton-sub-Hamdon. Punetal Service followed by Interment at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Norton-sub-Hamdon, nt 2 pae on Friday 18th October.

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and Squirrel Schools, Oxford c/o A.V. Mallett Paneral Directors, 124 Lime Walk, Headington.

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Birger Lunde, wartime Norwegian Merchant Navy officer, died in New York on September 24 aged 82. He was born near Bergen, on October 13, 1913.

n a contribution to the British war effort which was out of all proportion to Norway's tiny population. Birger Lunde was one of thousands of his country's seamen who helped to keep supply lines open throughout the Battle of the Atlantic, It is not generally realised what epic sacrifices were made by the Norwegian merchant fleet between 1940 and 1945, nor what a massive difference Norwegian ships made to the supply situation in Britain's most desperate hours.

When the Germans invaded Norway in April 1940 more than 1,000 Norwegian merchant ships were at sea. They sailed without hesitation to British ports to place themselves at the disposal of their ally on charter, in spite of being offered huge financial inducements by Germany to become part of its merchant marine. Britain thus acquired at a stroke the services of the world's fourth largest merchant navy. As Churchill was later to write: "Getting the Norwegian ships during the darkest days of the war was the equivalent of getting in England a trained and equipped army of one million

In fact, the apparent hyperbole probably underestimated the situation. Throughout the entire war Norwegian merchant ships carried 40 per cent of all the oil brought into Britain plus similarly great amounts of ammunition, food and other vital supplies.

But the Norwegian sailors paid heavily. One fifth of the crews perished over the five years from May 1940; many men survived only with nerves shattered beyond repair. Lunde himself was sunk three times, nearly dying of exposure in an open boat on one occasion and being severely wounded on another.

Like so many of his compatriots in a country with a strong seafaring tradition. Birger Lunde was determined to go to sea from an early age and trained as a cadet in a square rigger. Like all Norwecers, he worked his way up

Alan Tyrer, CBE. Head

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the Furnnean Court of

Justice, 1973-83, died in

Portugal on September 14

aged 78. He was born in

Wigan on June 30, 1918.

A POLYGLOT who in the

course of a long and varied life

mastered some nine European

languages, Alan Tyrer

brought to his position at the

European Court of Justice

great linguistic talent com-

bined with a sound under-

standing of the law. He

shouldered responsibility not

only for the translation into

English of the court's judg-

ments as they were delivered, but also for a 20-year backlog

of cases which had been decided before the accession of

Ireland and the United King-

A superb prescriptive gram-

marian and a keen member of

the Queen's English Society,

dom to the EEC.

#### BIRGER LUNDE



time war broke out in 1939 he was a second mate.

When Norway was invaded Lunde was at sea in the Taranger which, in spite of German blandishments sailed, like other Norwegian ships, for an English port. She almost immediately took part in the evacuation of Allied troops from Channel ports after the defeat of the British and French armies, and was badly damaged by Luftwaffe dive-bombing attacks in Le Havre harbour in June 1940. Thereafter she was thrown into the Battle of the Atlantic. carrying supplies between Canadian ports and Liverpool.

For a year Taranger and her crew led a charmed life. But on May 2, 1941, her luck ran out, when she was attacked by a Uboat which surfaced and was able to shell her, unarmed as she was, with impunity. Hit repeatedly by 4-inch shells, Taranger was soon in a sinking condition and the lifeboats were launched.

In Lunde's boat was a crewman with a large chunk of shrapnel through the ranks and by the embedded in his foot. Since

who treasured language as a

precise instrument of commu-

nication. Tyrer set exacting

standards for his staff. But he

secured their devotion

through his fairness and mis-

chievous sense of humour. On

his retirement from the post in

1983 he was appointed CBE in

recognition of his services to

Europe. Alan Kendrick Tyrer mas-

tered his first two foreign

languages as an undergradu-

ate at Selwyn College, Cam-

bridge, where he read French

and German. Later he went on

to study law and was called to

the Bar by the Middle Temple

in 1947. But, with the outbreak

of the Second World War, his

officers of Lunde's seniority were expected to be medically knowledgeable, he sterilised a large sheath knife over a flame and, during a bitter cold night in an open boat, cut out the shrapnel while three burly Norwegian sailors pinned the patient down on a thwart. Lunde was greatly impressed by the Englishman's stoicism, while the patient was later to acknowledge in a BBC interview his gratitude for the

"proper professional job" the

Norwegian officer had made

of his foot.

Picked up after two days at sea by a British corvette. Lunde was eventually brought back to England via Reykjavik. After a short period with British Coastal Forces, he shipped as first mate in the freighter Blink. But in February 1942 she was torpedoed during a storm off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Only one boat could be launched and two dozen men scrambled into it. A grim ordeal lay ahead of them.

un une rous weather the overloaded boat capsized, losing the few provisions the men reputation for a turn of speed

**ALAN TYRER** 

that was supposed to render her invulnerable to submarines, she too had been sunk within the year. The new German acoustic

homing turpednes were her undoing. Getting in among a convoy in which Oregon Express was steaming, a U-boat sank the two ships directly ahead of her. As she slowed and turned to avoid the wreckage she was struck almost amidships. She swiftly capsized under the weight of her heavily sandbagged bridge and, as she heeled over on her beam ends. Lunde and his cuptain were able to step from it straight into the water.

Lunde had, however, sustained severe injuries. Picked out of the sea, he was taken to Nova Scotia and thence to hospital in New York. But in spite of the fact that he had a badly-damaged spine, broken ribs and collarbone and a dislocated knee, the need for experienced officers was so great that he was compelled to return to sea, this time in the SS Polarland. It was only after a further three months on convoy duty that he was permitted to come ashore and have the extensive surgery he

so desperately needed. For the rest of his life the steel pins he had inserted in his spine triggered the alarm whenever he passed through airport security. For the re-mainder of his war Lunde worked in the office of Nortraship, the company through which the Norwegian merchant vessels were chartered. There he had the grisly task of informing next of kin, whenever a crewman was lost

After the war he took American citizenship. He was to be back in combat zones in the Korean War during which he skippered an American cargo ship. Dangerous though this could be, often involving close inshore work within range of enemy batteries, he found it child's play compared to the horrors of the U-boat war.

The singular Norwegian contribution to the Battle of the Atlantic was recognised in a BBC television programme Timewatch: Forgotten Heroes, in 1994. Lunde had been awarded the St Olav Medal with Oak Leaves by King Haakon for his leadership following the sinking of the Blink.

His wife Mildred died in 1991. He is survived by his son

Easter vacation, he helped his

sixth form students to achieve

good examination results by

always keeping three weeks ahead of them in the book --

though none of them were

Kingdom into the EEC in 1973, the European Court of Justice

held an open competition to

recruit lawyer linguists. Tyrer

entered and was quickly ap-

pointed as the court's first

Head of English Translation.

Put in charge of a team of lawyers, all feeling their way

in new territory, he built up an effective and competent de-

partment which he was to run

After the entry of the United

ever to suspect this.

#### LAURA LA PLANTE

Laura La Plante, silent film actress, died on October 14, aged 91. She was born on November 1. 1904.

LAURA LA PLANTE was the blonde star of countless breezy comedies during the 1920s, For six years, from 1924 to 1930, she reigned at Universal as no actress was to do until the arrival of Deanna Durbin in the 1930s. When she was not acting she came across as rather tacitum young woman. She was also chronically short-sighted. But the camera worked its magic and transformed her into a sparkling comedienne

In Britain she was so popular that when a debate was staged in the House of Lords on the possibility of taxing American productions, one member testily complained that he did not want to be stopped from seeing Laura La Plante in British theatres.

Laura La Plante (her real name) was born in St Louis, where her father was a dancing teacher. The family were, she said, horribly horribly poor" and, after her parents had divorced, she and her mother, went to stay with her mother's family in California. She made her first film in 1919. less from ambition than from a need to add to the family coffers. There followed a year at Fox in 1921, where she was miscast in a series of Westerns. She never did learn to ride a horse properly but, by having a rope strapped around her legs and saddle, she contrived to stay on.

She arrived at Universal in 1922, for a part in the Perils of Yukon, and more roles in two-

reel comedies and Westerns. Irving Thalberg, who was then leaving Universal for MGM, asked her to come with him. She had no official contract with Universal yet, but naively felt she had given her word and therefore must stay.

In the event, her loyalty was rewarded. After several Western features, as Hoor Gibson's leading lady, the British comedian Reginald Denny chose her as his romantic interest in Sporting Youth (1924) - her first real break at the age of 19. The following year she made Skinner's Dress Suit again with Denny. It was the sort of role she was made for - the modern, upwardly mobile, suburban wife, who lives slightly beyond her means and is always able to outwit a

bumbling husband. One scene in the film, in particular, where La Plante learns to dance the Charleston, completely captured the effervescent spirit of the new jazz age. By the mid-1920s La Plante was Universal's biggest star and was making \$5.000 a week. She was able to buy a house opposite Louella Par-

sons in Beverly Hills.

La Plante's best film was The Cat and the Canary (1927), most famous for incorporating the techniques of German Expressionism into the archetypal spooky comedy. Paul Leni, the German director, had problems with the English language but somehow gesticulated his points across to his actors. La Plante, who played the heiress to a haunted house, was charming -- "simple, natural and highly intelligent" as the usually critical writer Jim Tully described her. The result was a mumph and much better than subsequent remakes.

When she was not in comedy. La Plante showed her range in melodrama. She played an American danseuse trapped in the intrigues of the Russian Imperial Ballet in The Midnight Sun (1926); and was one third of the eternal triangle in Smouldering Fires (1924)

La Plante had been working since she was 15 and by 1927 had still not taken a holiday. The coming of talkies caused her no real problem: her first all talkie was the comedy Hold Your Man (1929) in which she played a painter. But by 1930 she was exhausted and she abruptly left Universal when her contract expired. The studio seemed too preoccupied by the upheavals caused by the advent of sound to notice. La Plante was upset and abandoned Hollywood

for Europe. With one marriage, to the director Bill Seiter, behind her, she married the head of Warner Brothers business in Britain, Irving Asher, in 1934. She starred in British films for a couple of years, but was content, after her happy second marriage, to retire.

She and her husband lived on a ranch in California, where they brought up two children, and Laura took up sculpting. Asher, who was the more proud of the two about his wife's acting career, and the more talkative, would regale film historians with stories of the silent era when they came to interview his wife. He died in 1985. She is survived by her son and daughter.



#### **GEORGE VAFOPOULOS**

George Vafopoulos. Greek poet, died in Thessaloniki on September 16 aged 93. He vas born on August 24. 1903.

IN A country whose modern literature consists almost entirely of poetry - which is popular in a manner inconceivable to the rest of Europe where the craft of verse writing has been marginalised to the point of extinction — George Vafopoulos neverthe-less ploughed a lone furrow. This may have had something to do with the fact that he was not of the Athens-based school of poets of which Seferis was the centre and of which the recently deceased Nobel laureate Odysseus Elytis was a vital member.

Seferis, Elytis, Demetrius Antoniou and Nikos Gatsos all had the influential Athens literary periodical Ta Nea Grammata as the forum for their early work. Based in Thessaloniki, where he had settled in the 1920s having been born outside Greece, Vafopoulos had an essentially Macedonian outlook.

Nor, unlike the Seferis-led Ta Nea Grammata group, was he afraid to use features of katharevousa — the artificial literary Greek introduced in the 18th century - which had been rejected by them in favour of the vernacular demotic. Indeed, he was able to use elements of karathevousa's last great exemplar, the 'decadent' poet Kostas Karyotakis, and make the language work in his verse. That Vafopoulos's work is

not better known outside Greece is much to do with this relative isolation within the country - and a lack of good translations, especially into English. Yet the Thessaloniki "school" — if it can be so called - had some advantages over its Athenian counterpart. Its members were mainly prose writers and it was alive to

Kafka, whose procedures Vafopoulos was able to assimilate into his poetry. It, too, had its own magazine, Macedonian Letters, which Vafopoulos edited from 1924. One of Vafopoulos's early achievements was to recognise the unique genius of Cavafy, who moved between karathevousa and the demotic

with ease. He published

Cavafy's work in Macedonian

developments in the European

novel, such as the work of

Letters. George Vafopoulos was born of Greek parents at Gevgeli, which in those days before the First World War was in southern Serbia. Following an unsettled period, of both domestic upheaval and political unrest, he came to Greece. After attending Athens University where he graduated in mathematics, he settled in Thessaloniki. There he read philosophy and literature at the Aristotelian University and gradually made himself a part of the city's intellectual and cultural life, as a member and leader of the city council, and as founder and, from 1938 to 1963, direc-

tor of the city library. Both he and his wife Anastasia, whom he married in 1946, were generous benefactors of the arts and between them established the Vafopoulian Arts Centre at Thessaloniki. Vafopoulos began to write

in the 1920s and went on to produce 12 books of poetry as well as plays and critical studies. He also published five volumes of autobiography covering the years 1930 to 1964, an essential guide to literary life as it flourished in that period.

But the poetry is his legacy. As the Greek scholar Thanasis Papathanasopoulos has observed, his earliest poems, collected as The Roses of Myrtali (1931), constitute a "genetic pool" for all of the work that follows. The volume is pervaded by a sense of acute emotional states - intense longing; the pangs of parting and solitude; the agonies of love. Death, especially, haunts his lyrics in a way which recalls the obsessive, dark romanticism of Edgar Allan

Of the volumes that succeeded The Roses of Myrtali perhaps The Floor (1951) exemplifies Vafopoulos at his most characteristic and most powerful. In spite of his frequent use of a highly literary style he is also capable of great simplicity. In his shorter lyrics his elaborate poetics give way to single images placed on the page in a manner which conveys an almost tangible

suffering.
A translation into English of his collected poems is currently being prepared for publication at the Dionysia Press. Edinburgh.

Valopoulos leaves his widow. There were no children.

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linguistic skill — especially his command of the German lan-French. guage - proved invaluable and he was posted to Bietchley Park to join the codebreakers. On demobilisation he went to work for a brief period for the Home Office in the Royal

Pardons department, before moving on as parliamentary draftsman to Jersey where, for eight years, he drafted legislation in both English and After this, he took a job for

four years as an assistant company secretary but contin-

ued to maintain his linguistic interests. While teaching at night school, Tyrer discovered

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take up full-time. He became head of the Modern Languages Department at Bridgwater Girls' Grammar School and, after a further four years. returned to his home county, Lancashire, to teach at Queen Mary School, Lytham, There. for 11 years up to the summer of 1973, he was head of the Modern Languages Department. The examination pass rate of his pupils was, perhaps unsurprisingly, remarkably Out of interest and love for

had managed to lay their

hands on. When they righted

it, the boat continually filled

with water in the heavy seas,

and as their strength ebbed in

the bitter cold they could not

bale it out. Men soon began to

die. Black despair gripped

To try to improve the stabil-

ity of the waterlogged boat the

survivors were compelled to

heave the dead overboard.

This attracted sharks whose

attempts to pull the enfeebled

survivors out of their frail craft

only added to the horrors of

the ordeal. By the time they

were picked up by an Ameri-

can merchant ship only six of the original two dozen in the

Landed in New York. Lunde

spent some time in hospital

and then convalescing. But he

had lost all his money and

clothing with the loss of the

Blink and he could not afford

to stay onshore in such an

expensive city. Soon he was

shipping again, this time in

the Oregon Express (a Norwe-

that he had a vocation for

teaching which he decided to

gian vessel notwithstanding her name). In spite of her

lifeboat remained alive.

those who lived.

languages, Tyrer decided to learn Dutch and Italian. Then, out of necessity, when the Spanish teacher left the school unexpectedly, he taught himself Spanish during the holidays so that he would be able to take over her teaching responsibilities when the next term began. After poring over the textbooks throughout the

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Even after retiring to Portugal in 1983. Tyrer was not content simply to occupy himself with cultivating his garden. He learnt Portuguese and also embarked on a new career as a freelance translator. For some years until the time of his death, he assisted the court's English translation division by fielding, with his customary relish and professional skill, large amounts of translation. He was also studying Finnish which is, arguably, the most difficult of

for ten years.

all European languages to learn. Alan Tyrer is survived by his wife, Linda, herself a gifted linguist and translator, and by two daughters from his previous marriage.

#### MR. HOUSMAN'S FAREWELL

LAST POEMS. By A.E. HOUSMAN. (Grant Richards, 5s. net.)

Almost a generation divides Mr. Hous man's "Shropshire Lad" from these "Last Poems", and much has happened meanwhile. The "Shropshire Lad" retains and multiplies its admirers; at least one poem - "Smart lad. to slip betimes away" -- has become a common quotation; and the poet has developed into a dassical critic, second to none, with a mind like a lancet. Now, doubting whether he will "ever be impelled to write much more." and feeling that he "can no longer expect to be revisited by the continuous excilement" under which he wrote most of his other book, he prints forty-one poems written at various times since 1895, and "will to the woods no more". If the woods must be left, Mr. Housman knows how to leave them. "Fancy's Knell" is ouintessential.

When lads were home from labour At Abdon under Clee. A man would call his neighbour And both would send for me. And where the light in lances Across the mead was laid.

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friends in 1896 with the publication of A

Shropshire Lad, but it was to be many

世界的 A.E. Housman startled his family and

years before Last Poems appeared.

I fetched my flute and played. Wenlock edge was umbered. And bright was Abdon Burf. And warm between them slumbered The smooth green miles of turi; Until from grass and clover The upshot beam would fade,

Advanced the lofty shade. The lofty shade advances. I fetch my flute and play: Come, lads, and learn the dances And praise the tune to-day. To-morrow, more's the pity,

And England over

Away we both must hie. To air the ditty.

And to earth !.

With such resignation and with such line workmanship does the book close. Both it and its predecessor must rank as an extraordinary excursion into the field of lancy on the part of an intellect intensely preoccupied with other studies. Not that we should deny fancy to a critic, or ignore what the critical faculty has done for the dreamer, for it is plain enough here, and explains some of the secret of Mr. Housman's mastery. It is not for nothing that our poet is in the technical sense a trained scholar. Apocalyptic as the "continuous excitement" which caused the original inspiration must have been, since it lifted the fringes of a world which slower minds might need a lifetime to approach, these "lads," of humble status, perverse wills, and tragic fate, these woods, hills, and meadows, set conspicuously against vast cosmic processes, these ironic musings on "heartless, witless nature," have been drilled and disciplined into austerity of content and perfection of form by most rigorous criticism. Once again has the classical tradition told in the making of an English poet, though of classical influence in the ordinary sense there are few direct

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#### NEWS

#### Dunblane parents pledge to fight on

■ The parents of Dunblane last night pledged to continue their fight to have all handguns banned after the Government announced the most drastic firearm curbs yet in response to the massacre of 16 children and their teacher last March.

Some 160,000 of the 200,000 handguns held legally in Britain - including all automatic weapons - will have to be handed in and destroyed, but that did not satisfy the families, who insisted that there should be no compromise ...... Pages I, 4, 5

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■ A British political lobbying company has been hired by Colonel Muammar Gaddali to improve Libya's image and end its international isolation. The disclosure, only weeks after the latest cash-for-questions affair, will cause further controversy about the activities of lobbyists .. ...Page 1

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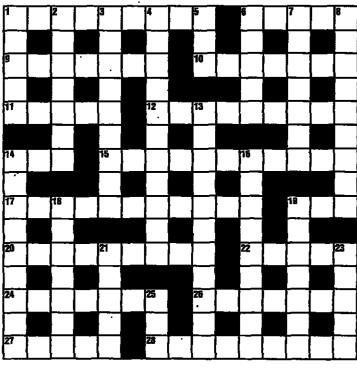
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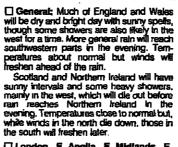
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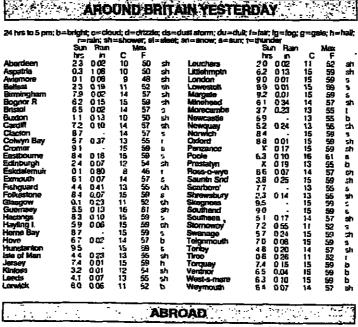


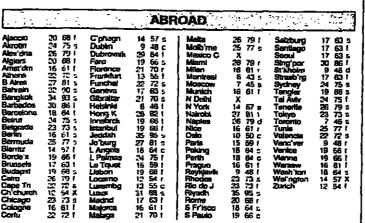
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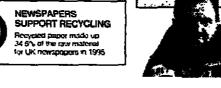
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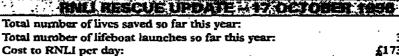
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# THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 1996 Morgan Grenfell dismisses five senior executives

MORGAN GRENFELL, the troubled fund management house owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, yesterday moved decisively to put the problems of the recent past behind it by dismissing five senior executives. All have left the firm and received pay-offs according to their basic contracts with any bonus entitlement stripped out. The dismissals follow the conclu-

Ernsi & Young, the accountant, into irregularities in three Morgan Grenfell European unit trusts, Two of these funds were managed by Peter Young, who was dismissed for gross misconduct and who is under investigation by the Serious Fraud

The most senior victim of yesterday's purge was Keith Percy, the chief executive of Morgan Grenfell

reported on Monday, his replace ment is Robert Smith, an insider who built up the development capital arm of the business from scratch since joining the group in

Mr Percy earned a total remuneration package last year of around £1.2 million, of which more than half was made up in bonuses. It is understood that under the basic terms of his contract he received less

than £400,000 when he left the

Graham Kane, managing direc-tor of Morgan Grenfell's unit trust arm, has also left with a basic payoff, understood to be less than £200,000. Mr Kane, who had stood aside as a director of Imro, the watchdog for fund managers which is investigating Morgan Grenfell and the role of a number of its senior executives in monitoring Mr Young's trading activities, is now

expected to resign this post.

The other senior executives who have left Morgan Grenfell are Glyn Owen, the chief investment officer for the firm's international funds, including those run by Mr Young, and Michael Wheatley, the compli-ance director. Paul Ebling, a senior associate director and compliance officer, has also left.

Commenting after the departures, Mr Smith said: The initial internal investigation

complete and Morgan Grenfell Asset Management will continue to work with Imro and other regulators to resolve outstanding issues. If compensation is found to be due to investors under Imro rules and other legislation, we will pay it."

He continued: "As the business

moves forward, the priority is to restore our reputation in the unit trust business.

Winning back trust, page 31

# Fall in jobless level fuels fears on rates

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

A DRAMATIC fall in unemployment and a small rise in the growth of earnings seemed to point yesterday to a strengthening of the economy, and heighten City speculation that higher in-terest rates may be needed to head off inflationary

However, the Treasury played down such fears, arguing that average earnings growth is still very low com-pared with Britain's recent history, and that industry's costs and prices have fallen spectacularly.

Although the Treasury never comments directly on its attitude towards interest rates, the views expressed yesterday strongly suggest that Kenneth continue to resist pressure euor, will from the Bank of England to tighten monetary policy.

After yesterday's figures, the Bank's calls for higher rates may harden into an official recommendation at the next monetary meeting on October 30.

Britain's headline unemployment total fell by 35,600 in September, a far larger fall than the City had expected and the largest decline in any month since December 1994.

The claimant count now stands at a seasonally adjusted 2,073,10, its lowest level for more than five and a half years. Statisticians believe that the downward trend in unemployment has accelerated and that the claimant count is set to fall by between

15,000 and 20,000 each month. This clearly holds out the welcome prospect for the Government of a fall in unemployment below the 2 million mark by the general election.

The rate of unemployment fell by 0.1 per cent from the previous month, to 7.4 per cent, the lowest it has been since March 1991 when it stood at 7.3 per cent. Less encouraging was news

that average earnings growth in July has been revised up. from 3.75 per cent to 4 per cent, and continued at that rate in August. Many City economists argued that this is sure evidence that the labour market is tightening as unemployment falls, and that there is a risk of higher inflation u interest rates are raised.

Martin Brookes of Goldman Sachs said: "These trends are likely to make the Bank of England increasingly con-cerned about a build-up of inflationary pressures and more uncomfortable with base rates at 5.75 per cent." In spite of this, he and many others believe that Mr Clarke will not

A powerful argument in the Chancellor's favour - if, as expected, he persists in fight-ing the Bank's arguments for higher rates - is the continued strength in sterling, which rose again yesterday. It closed at 88.7 on its trade-weighted index, compared with 88.6 on Tuesday. It has appreciated by nearly o per cent since the beginning of August, representing a significant tightening in monetary policy.

Roger Bootle, chief economist at the Midland Bank, still holds out the possibility of one more cut in interest rates before the election. He, like the Treasury, cites as his reasons very good producer prices, an evident slowing in retail sales growth, the fact that manufacturing is only just emerging from a long period of stagnation, and sterling's strength.
He said: Manufacturing

has seen no growth over the last year and is already having to grapple with a rising pound. How deeply distressing to contemplate higher interest rates on top of that." Separate figures published

yesterday showed that the Government borrowed a larger-than-expected £3.4 billion in September. This took the cumulative public sector borrowing requirement in the first six months of the financial year to £16.1 billion, compared with £20.1 billion at the same stage last year.

In spite of the possibility that the Chancellor's PSBR projection of £27 billion for the ull year will be overshot, the City believes that political exigencies will mean that Mr Clarke still goes ahead with a package of tax cuts in next month's Budget Yesterday's combination of

a rise in average earnings growth and a disappointing borrowing figure, coupled with a fall on Wall Street. helped to bring the FT-SE 100 index off this week's record highs. The index closed 26.4 points lower, at 4,024.4.



John Clark after his High Court award yesterday

#### £2.9m pension for ex-Wickes chief

By Sarah Cunningham ther disciplinary proceedings

HENRY SWEETBAUM is to draw his pension from a £2.9 million pension scheme fully funded by Wickes in spite of being held responsible by the DIY retailer for a £51 million overstatement of profits.

Mr Sweetbaum, former chairman and chief executive, denies knowledge of the practices that led to the overstatement and the company, which says he had "ultimate responsibility", is to make no claim against him or any other directors.

He has agreed to repay £720,000 netted under a longterm incentive scheme in 1994 and 1995. He has also agreed to waive any claim to a further £885,000 gross that he is due under the scheme. He is to retain his pension benefits, which should bring in about £175,000 per year, however. Wickes may make claims

against some members of its buying department. Bonuses were paid to some of the department's managers "on the basis of incorrect information." the company said in a letter to see reholders yesterday.

Les Rosenthal, group trad-ing director and Chris Miles. commercial director, resigned from the company without compensation in August. Fur-

involving middle and junior ranking employees "will be implemented in due course", the company said. The Serious Fraud Office and Department of Trade and Industry have been in contact with Wickes, but neither

would comment yesterday. Trefor Liewellyn, former finance director, has agreed to pay back all £485,000 of his 1995 net bonus payments. Michael Corner has resigned as administration director, but has not been asked to pay back

any of his bonuses. Wickes said that a report prepared for it by Linklaters and Paines, the solicitor, and Price Waterhouse, the accountant, shows that operating profit in 1995 was overstated by £26 million, in 1994 by £14 million and "in earlier years" by Ell million.

Correctly accounting for rebates has meant that the company made an operating loss in the first nine months of this year, the letter said. The company said there would be a further provision of £10 million unconnected with the profit overstatement.

#### Children of DFS chief to sell £100m share stake

By Sarah Cunningham

THE SON and daughter of Sir Graham Kirkham, chairman of DFS, the furniture retailer, are set to make up to £100 million by selling shares in the company.

Julie Cross, 30. Sir Gra-ham's daughter, and Michael Kirkham, 29, his son, between them hold a 22 per cent share in the Doncaster-based company but they are not involved in its running and intend to sell "a significant proportion" of their holdings.

Sir Graham said his children were selling because they wanted a "broader investment portfolio". He denied that

there had been any family split and said: "I can understand where they are coming from. If they feel it is right to sell now, then I want to support them. They will eventually inherit his 8 per cent holding in the company, he added.

Sir Graham, who is an avid collector of paintings, was knighted in the New Year's Honours List. He was widely reported to have made a £4 million loan to the Conservative party, but last month said it was his son who made the

Mrs Cross lives in South



Sir Graham Kirkham reported profits up 18.6 per cent

Yorkshire and has two small children, the youngest born just a month ago. She was formerly a producer at Yorkshire Television and her husband works in the computer industry. Michael Kirkham, who is also married but has no children, lives in Ireland and works there for a young people's charity. Sir Graham described his children yesterday as "normal, down to straightforward

DFS also announced yesterday that it will pay a 10p per share special dividend from an 18.6 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £31.1 million. Earnings per share in the year ended July 27 were up 18.6 per cent to 19.66p and the full-year dividend has been increased 20.5 per cent to 10p per share. The final dividend of 6.9p (5.65p) is payable on December 13. The special dividend is payable on November 18.

Sir Graham said DFS's move into the South East has been very successful, with all three stores opened in the summer in the London area exceeding sales targets.

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#### **Ousted BET** chief wins £3m in High Court

JOHN CLARK, ousted as chief executive of BET, the business services group, after its hostile takeover by Rentokil earlier this year, was yester-day awarded more than £3 million in compensation in the Mr Clark, 55, who had been

willing to settle out of court for El million, said he was delighted with the ruling, which is expected to influence future cases involving executive pay.

Lord Tebbit, the former

Conservative Party chairman. was among witnesses to speak for Mr Clark in the High Court case, which leaves Rentokil facing costs estimated at £600,000. Lord Tebbit, a former non-executive director of BET, said that Mr Clark's contract and remuneration had been fairly set, given the near-bankrupt state of BET when he was brought in to

The case is being described as the most important to deal with matters of modern executive pay in more than a decade Mr Clark, an American, said that he regretted that the matter had come to court. He said: "I normally seek to resolve such matters in a private and mature manner." Mr Clark had a three-year

rolling contract - unfashionable under current thinking on boardroom pay. In his case, it was argued, the security of a three-year contract was merited, given the size of his task of shaking up BET. Mr Clark's package could

have topped £5 million, but he lost a claim to £2.1 million in share options. Mr Justice Timothy Walker's award to Mr Clark was for loss of his £490,000 salary — including increases - during the threeyear notice period, plus damages for loss of pension rights, bonus payments of 50 per cent of salary, an executive car and chauffeur, health insurance and holiday entitlement.

Mr Clark, described by the judge as "an extremely able, energetic and successful businessman", was head-hunted by BET in 1991, and transformed the group

The judge rejected BET suggestions that Mr Clark had now "decided to retire", and accepted evidence that appointments for over-55s are rare. Rentokil said that it would appeal against the award. A spokesman said that it had been willing to settle with Mr Clark for £950,000.

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upheaval in the European electronics combine, to Lagardère Groupe. Page 28

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#### **US** bank credits London influence

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

GOLDMAN SACHS, the last investment banking partnership on Wall Street, has chosen nearly one quarter of its new partners and managing directors from its London office, reflecting the growing importance of overseas operations to its profits.

The firm appointed nine of its 38 new partners, and 22 out of 87 "extended" managing directors, from London, in the two-yearly ritual that hands out some of the most coveted positions in investment banking.

The managing directors are a new level of pseudopartners created this year to stem the flood of employees departing for high-paid jobs at rival banks. The position is intended to reassure the firm's brightest employees that they are valued

Goldman was originally planning to appoint only aging directors but intense competition from about 300 candidates pushed up the numbers to more than 80. They will get better pay and perks and a share of the firm's profits.

However, Goldman's emphasised that not all managing directors would necessarily make it to full partnership status.

The partnership pointments in London reflect the overall distribution of this year's appointments, the majorof which came in Goldman's profitable investment banking division. Timothy Plaut, Muneer Satter, Howard Schiller and Glenn Earle who is returning from Frankfurt — all work in investment banking. Erland Karlsson and Girish Reddy work in the equity division, while Ronald Marks works in fixed income. Geoffrey Grant comes from the commodities and foreign exchange division and Paul Deighton works in the administration division.

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Charles Millon, the French Defence Minister, left, with Jean Arthuis, Finance Minister, and Franck Borotra, Industry Minister, yesterday

## French choose Lagardère over Alcatel-Alsthom for Thomson

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE French Government yesterday paved the way for a big upheaval in the European defence industry when it announced the sale of Thomson, its troubled electronics combine, to Lagardère Groupe.

The Government preferred a bid from Lagardère to an offer from Alcatel-Aisthom, but would have to inject FrII billion into the company before priva-

tisation because of its precarious financial position.

Lagardère will integrate Thomson's defence arm, Thomson CSF, into its own subsidiary, Matra Défense Espace, to form the world's third largest defence-electronics group, Matra-Thomson.

Thomson's consumer electronics subsidiary. Thomson Multimedia, will be taken over by Daewoo Electronics. the South Korean firm, which

gest television manufacturer. Lagardère will pay a symbolic Fr1 for Thomson after beating off a rival bid from Alcatel, the telecommications group. The battle, which has been played out behind closed doors in Jacques Chirac's Presidential palace, gave rise to criticism and controversy. The way in which the President has taken this decision. alone in his office, has created

a certain malaise," Le Monde

said in an editorial. Concern

had been fuelled by the French Government's plans to recapitalise Thomson, which has debts of Fr25 billion, with a cash-injection of Fr11 billion.

British Aerospace and GEC are among the firms likely to be affected. Thomson's missiles operation will be incorporated into Matra's existing ioint venture with BAe, while Thomson's airborne radar business is likely to be linked

However, President Chirac

vetoed Lagardère's plans for BAe to take a 15 per cent stake in Matra-Thomson, insisting that its participation be limit-ed to less than 3 per cent. GEC will probably be invited to take a similarly marginal holding in the new company. the French press said.

Although M Chirac says Matra-Thomson should become a European "defence champion", he wants it to stay overwhelmingly French. Only once its Gallic ownership is secure will it be allowed to develop joint ventures with other European groups.

The French Government chose Lagardère against the expectations of most analysts because it believes the new company can become a "pole" of the French defence industry, the source said. Charles Millon, the French Defence Minister, said: "Matra-Thomson will be able to face up to international competition."

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#### Cables watchdog says 'co-operate'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

DON CRUICKSHANK, the telecoms regulator, has urged the cable industry to consolidate. In a move that breaks ranks with the heads of regulated industries, who generally advocate a diversicompetition, he urged co-operation between cable companies.

Yesterday, Mr Cruickshank told the European Cable Communications conference: "It might seem a bit strange that the head of a competition authority should be urging operators to co-operate rather ty of players to encourage

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However, merger talks between Telewest and Nynex CableComms, the two largest cable groups, appear to have comment on the talks vesterday, which are believed to have been halted in the past few days.

However, Nynex is committed to the belief that the industry must consolidate. It is thought the company is in talks with other cable groups.

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**CBI** chief

By Oliver August

# property valuations

BRITISH companies must embrace many more aspects of the German model of capitalism to remain competitive, Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said yesterday. Mr Turner said the UK must focus on the long-term investment and specialised training

most successful economy. He told an Anglo-German business conference organ-ised by Robert Fleming, the investment bank, that British businessmen should not be afraid of inheriting Germany's high wage level, associated with the EU Social Chapter. "Germany does have high wages," he said. "But

that made Germany Europe's

high wages are a sign of success, not failure." Mr Turner argued that British business can take a long-term view, and said: "Look at British Biotech. It has a market capitalisation of £1.5 billion and not a penny of profit so far. that is either a very long-term investment or completely mad."

Mr Turner's views were endorsed by Martin Taylor. chief executive of Barclays Bank, and David Sainsbury,

chairman of J Sainsbury. Mr Taylor said: "Germany is rapidly moving in the direction of flexibility, while the challenge for Britain is to at-tain a higher level of skills. In this country, training is what government blames business for not doing, and education is what business blames govemment for not doing."

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## Germany's | Reform put forward for

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

COMPANIES would no longer be able to carry properties indefinitely at original cost in their balance sheets under new proposals from the Accounting Standards Board, This would end the widespread practice of assuming that new buildings have an indefinite life or that any wear and tear is offset by rising market values.

This practice has been widely attacked since the property slump and the trend fall in inflation. Most supermarket groups have started depreciating out-of-town superstores built on land with limited alternative uses. Shares in some brewery and hotel groups have already dipped in anticipation of the proposals. Measurement of Tangible

Fixed Assets, the board's latest discussion paper, offers com-panies the choice of carrying assets at cost less an annual depreciation charge or revaluing them regularly: by outprofessionals at least every five years and through systematic adjustments in between. All assets of the same class would have to be treated the same way. Investment properties may be treated differently. Since they must be carried at market values, dep-

reciation need not be charged. Sir David Tweedie, ASB chairman, said: "Companie that revalued ... at the height of the property boom have since been able to leave this valuation in their accounts."

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#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### Inntrepreneur faces group writ on beer

SOLICITORS representing aggrieved tenants of Inntrepreneur Pub Company said yesterday that they could be just weeks away from filing a group action against the company in the continuing dispute over tied beer. Mark Barron, of Taylor Wilcocks, said the firm was close to putting together a group action on behalf of about 80 clients. Charles Russell, another firm of solicitors, confirmed yesterday that it has issued writs and counterclaims on behalf of an unspecified number. The cases are hanging on a decision by the European Commission over Inntrepreneur's application for an

exemption for its leases from competition rules. Inntrepreneur, owned by Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing Group, confirmed that it had received 114 writs, less than 4 per cent of its estate. It said it had no knowledge of any group action, and did not intend to make any extra provision for legal action in its accounts for the year to September.

#### Oil price held above \$25

TENSION between Iraq and Iran and worries about low levels of US heating oil stocks as winter approaches kept the price of Brent North Sea oil above \$25 yesterday. On Tuesday, prices had risen to \$25.06 per barrel, the highest since the Gulf War in 1991, before retreating on profit-taking. The fall of reserves, which have been cut to a bare minimum at a number of refineries, means that refineries will have to step up crude purchases throughout the winter season in the

#### Flotation expert dies

THE City has lost one of its most senior and respected figures with the death yesterday of Nick Verey, a managing director of SBC Warburg. Mr Verey, 53, who died from leukaemia, joined the old Rowe & Pirman in 1961 as a stockbroker and moved with the Warburg merger in 1986 and again last year with the SBC takeover. A Stock Exchange director, he was noted for his expertise in flotations such as Abbey National, BA and. most recently, Railtrack. He leaves a widow, Dinah, a son, Dickon, 21, and a daughter, Georgia, 17.

#### BT takes legal action

BRITISH TELECOM and Viag, its German partner, have launched legal proceedings in Germany against Global One, alleging breach of European competition rules. Global created to provide worldwide telecom services to corporate customers — is a joint venture between Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and Sprint of America. BT said Global was given EU clearance on condition that its competitors can obtain supplies from two operators in addition to Deutsche and France but that licences had yet to be granted in France and Germany.

#### Police urge jury review

THE Commissioner of the City of London Police has added his voice to that of George Staple, Director of the Serious Fraud Office, in arguing for a review of the role of juries in the most complex fraud trials. William Taylor, calling for research, told a National Fraud Forum conference: "The concept of a judge and assessors for a few types of fraud should be re-visited." He added: "Tampering with, let alone dismantling, our trials by jury is sensitive and controversial, but not the huge philosophical issue that it is sometimes painted."

#### Sears, Roebuck up 22%

SEARS, Roebuck & Co, one of America's biggest retailers, increased third-quarter earnings by 22 per cent, from \$228 million to a record \$279 million. Sales rose to \$9.07 billion from \$8.44 billion. Arthur Martinez, chairman and chief executive, said: "Customers have responded enthusiastically to our department store renovations, proader assortments and quality brands, especially in apparel, and are heavily shopping our off-the-mall stores." International operations, comprising stores in Canada and Mexico, lost \$13 million (\$7 million).

#### TUC attacks dole move

THE TUC yesterday called the new jobseeker's allowance a "rip-off" and demanded its withdrawal. John Monks. General Secretary, said that workers paid National Insurance contributions to earn a right to a year's unemployment benefit, but the new allowance would last only six months. "Something our members have paid for is being stolen," he told the national conference of the TUC Unemployed Workers Centres. The allowance should be withdrawn, restoring the right to 12 months' contributory benefit for unemployed workers. he said.

#### Chepstow in good form

CHEPSTOW RACECOURSE, the horserace meeting organiser, saw interim profits gallop ahead to £100,139 (£16,944) before tax over the six months to June 30. But the company said the comparison was distorted by the poor summer weather last year, which saw two of the ten scheduled meetings abandoned, and pointed to the £96,598 it made in the first half of 1994. "From this you will appreciate that forecasting for a full year is far from an exact science," the company said. There is still no interim dividend, against earnings per share up to 18.3p (3.4p).

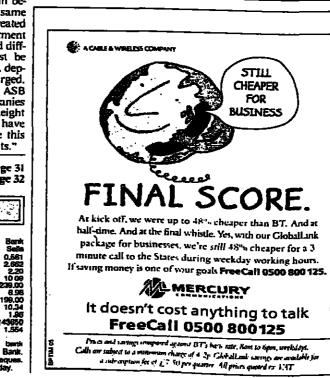
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#### Select buys Dutch firm

SELECT APPOINTMENTS (Holdings), the UK temporary staff and recruitment company, has acquired Staff Planning, a group of four personnel agencies based in The Netherlands, for £8.1 million. The acquisition follows Select's purchase of Skillco Human Resources Management, another Dutch business, earlier this month. Staff Planning earned pre-tax profits of £1.12 million on turnover of £10.03 million in 1995; the company's net assets were £1.86 million at December 31.



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Now go and lose a couple of hundred million of your boss's money. Again, the sack beckons, and you may be lucky to avoid a few years inside. Don't hang around too long arguing about compensation either. But if you happen to be in charge of the department where those millions were lost, you are in a different category, it seems. Defeat in a fiercely contested takeover bid might also not be the disaster it at first seems.

Let us go back to basic principles. The sack is the sack: compensation for loss of office is quite different. The two can be simply distinguished by the concept of blame. Those II fund managers from Barclays who got the bullet earlier this week were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Their jobs disappeared, but no blame attached to them, so they were com-pensated with an average of a vear's money each.

The five men thrown out of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management yesterday went because a subordinate dropped a few hun-dred million. He has already been dismissed. They received

compensation, in the form of their contracts being paid off. But blame should attach to them for two reasons.

For the first, one might borrow the legal concept of strict liabil-ity; some criminal offences are such that there is no need to prove any intent to commit them; their mere commission is enough for prosecution. Some offences at work, too; being in charge of a department where so serious an error takes place means some blame attaches to you. Ditto for the compliance officer, in charge of internal policing.

The second reason has to do with what the five should have known. Everyone in fund management knew that Peter Young, the man who actually dropped all those millions, was a high-flyer who appeared able to hring in amazing returns from unpromising raw material. Such a man should have been watched far more carefully than the runof the mill fund manager; the blame attaches to the five

because he wasn't. There is not much to be said about the £3 million that went to former BET boss John Clark,

first because this was awarded by a High Court judge, and anyway, his lawyers are already upset about what appeared in this column on the subject yesterday. Henry Sweetbaum of Wickes is having his pension paid in full, but he is handing back some earlier bonuses, so this probably constitutes a draw.

The worry is that the City. particularly in cases such as Morgan Grenfell and Barings, is blurring the distinction between loss of office for cause, that is the sack, and the just rewards for years of service terminated with-out fault. The high salaries enjoyed by the Morgan Grenfell five carried with them high responsibilities, and there should be no compensation for a failure be no compensation for a failure to discharge those responsibilities properly.

This is important because of the growing disquiet about high City pay, in the light of Mary Walz, the former Barings direc-tor claiming a £500,000 bonus, and those new millionaires at Goldman Sachs. We must make a distinction between high pay in return for and dependent on future performance and hush

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money for those who have already failed. If we do not the danger is that the deserving former are vilified along with the

#### Predicting the next Maxwell

☐ I WOULD not wish to make anyone unduly nervous, but Britain's fraud squads are quierly gearing up for a busy period. Everyone knows that a new wave of corporate fraud is coming, but no one is quite sure when.

The argument runs thus.

There are plenty of entrepreneurs out there who have pledged all their shares to the banks at current values against

Time Warner

loses \$91m in

third quarter

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

world's biggest media

group, reported a \$91 million loss for the third quar-

ter. days after it completed

its merger with Turner Broadcasting Systems, the cable television company.

The loss, which compared

with net losses of \$141 mil-

lion last year, resulted main-

ly from large interest

payments on massive out-

standing debt. Losses for the

first nine months of the year

amount to \$250 million.

However, Time Warner

said that its underlying op-erations had improved, with

earnings before interest and

tax rising by 32 per cent to \$964 million.

Gerald Levin, chairman,

said Time Warner must

reduce its huge debt burden.

TIME WARNER,

their debts. Any short-term correction for the stock market. and the value of the shares becomes less than the value of the loans. The banks want their money back. Companies go bust. The receivers sift through the wreckage, and a fresh batch of rogues is flushed out.
Witness the last round of disasters: Polly Peck, Maxwell,

the Bank of Credit and Commerce international (BCCI). Many frauds rely on circular flows of money — sums spiral-ling round a "black hole" of everincreasing proportions. BCCI was the classic example: monies shuttling around between New York, London, and the Caymans. But it need not involve billions. Wallace Duncan Smith, a relanvely unknown City merchant banker, succeeded in running up debts of £100 million before he was rumbled. It took the recession to expose him.

Predicting the next Maxwell is more difficult, although potential Cap'n Bobs are undoubtedly out there. One enduring theme is the personality involved: arrogant, supremely self-confident, and fond of luxury. There are plenty

of those in business and the City. and a recession would see some floundering. Not all of them know how to swim either.

#### Piling it high on PizzaExpress price

☐ THE genius who worked out that a flat slab of dough, a smear of tomato paste and a scattering of dried-up cheese, pepper and salami could be sold as a square meal deserves a place in catering history. From this beginning grew a monstrous regiment of pizza parlours, among them one of the stock market successes of the decade. The share price chart of

Pizza Express is as sharp as its products are flat. A placing took place at 40p in early 1993: yesterday, investors' appetites were still sharp for another round of shares at 475p. This placing and expansion will take the group to 120 outlets, as against 250 to 300 before the market is saturated.

The share price performance has little to do with the merits of the menu or even strict financial

criteria, Investors, a quarter of them American, have been berting on two things, the track record of Luke Johnson, the whiz-kid chairman, and the be-lief that he will one day lose interest and sell out.

Each PizzaExpress branch is now valued by the stock market at more than £2 million apiece. extraordinarily high for leasehold properties, but then, look at some of the daft prices being paid for businesses such as Cafe Pelican and the Tom Cobleigh pub chain this autumn. Further expansion, once that saturation point is reached, would be either on the Continent or into another restaurant or pub brand, both of them distinctly untested markets. More likely, Mr Johnson will find a buyer well before this.

#### Institutional power

□ NOW the dust has settled on the Refuge-United Friendly merger, shareholders in the former owe a vote of thanks to the three institutions, led by Perpetual, that threw a handful of grit into the works before the initial terms could be agreed. The technical issue of orphan assets was way above the heads of most investors, who would probably have voted the deal through. Instead, the right set of shareholders will at least benefit from any eventual value.



# Smiths favours US over Europe for defence

SIR ROGER HURN, chairman and chief executive of Smiths Industries, yesterday expressed doubts that the shake-up of the European defence and aerospace industries would produce a champion capable of challenging the leading American companies.

With a stock market value of more than £2.3 billion, Smiths is big enough to strengthen its aerospace business by taking over one of Europe's poorly performing, state-owned defence companies. However, Sir Roger believes that Smiths is likely to find "more interesting and perhaps more realisfic" opportunities in the US. He said that consolidation in Europe was "fraught with

very serious territorial and political differences". He was sceptical about the prospects of a successful outcome.

Smiths, which also has businesses in medical instruments and ventilation, was reporting annual pre-tax profits of £165 million, a 19 per cent increase. Sir Roger, who will end 15 years as chief executive next month, when he hands over to Keith Butler-Wheelhouse, said: "We had a super year. All three of our business groups improved their profits."

Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 36.6p. A final dividend of 10.6p, to be paid on January 8, will lift the total payout to 16.2p, up 12.5 per cent. Smiths is upbeat about

prospects. It is benefiting from a strong revival in orders for new aircraft. Smiths makes hundred thousand pounds worth of instrumentation for each of Boeing's 737s

The group's sales grew 12 per cent to just over £1 billion. Helped by acquisitions, the industrial division, which includes Vent-Axia fans, increased profits 32 per cent to E49.7 million. Medical systems increased profits 16 per cent to £73.1 million, with margins rising to 24 per cent. The aerospace arm made £45.3 million, a 12 per cent rise.

Nick Cunningham, a BZW analyst, described the results as "outstandingly good, as

expected". The City expects Smiths to make more than £190 million this year. Sir Roger will continue as

Smiths's chairman but he insisted that Mr Butler-Wheelhouse "will be the boss and I won't be". Sir Roger is already a non-executive director of ICI and Glaxo Wellcome, but he expects Smiths to remain his principal business activity.
Sir Roger said: "Last year

was not a flash in the pan, any more than any of the previous years have been. I have confidence for the future growth in sales, profits, earnings per share and dividends in the years ahead."

#### Record \$686m for Ford

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

FORD, America's second largest carmaker, nearly doubled its profits in the third quarter to a record \$686 million as bouyant US conditions offset deepening losses in Europe. Losses on Ford UK and European operations grew from \$320 million to \$472

million, making by far the

biggest contribution to the

overall loss from overseas operations of \$619 million. The company said that new product development, such as the Ka small car that goes on sale next month, and high marketing costs in Europe had been largely to blame for the loss. Most product launches were now completed and the company could now

concentrate on cutting costs in it ss-making operations. The profit result is a 92 per cent rise on the \$357 million earned by the company in the

comparable period last year. On Tuesday, General Motors, the largest carmaker, reported that profits had tripled to \$1.3 billion.

## Sales boost at WH Smith



SHARES in WH Smith climbed 19p to 474 p yesterday after the company reported a 4 per cent increase in sales for the four months to September 30. However, some analysts re-

mained cautious about longerterm prospects, with one suggesting that the recovery could take longer than expected. Jeremy Hardie, chairman, told the annual meeting that like-for-like sales, excluding new stores, had increased 3 per cent. Weak markets affected music and video sales, but

sales in other categories climbed 5 per cent. In August, WH Smith recorded a loss of £194.7 million for the year to June 1.

Sales at WH Smith Retail rose 2 per cent, while sales at Waterstone's increased 15 per cent. The company's US hotels and airports operation showed a 14 per cent rise. Mr Hardie said perfor-

mance was in line with expectations. Analysts are forecasting full-year profits of between Eli5 and

## Jobs lost in Alexandra closure

By KEITH RODGERS

ALEXANDRA Workwear, the supplier of workplace uniforms, is to close one of its factories in Scotland with the loss of up to 250 jobs as part of a £4 million restructuring.

The company reported a £724,000 pre-tax loss for the 28 weeks to August 17, against a £2.7 million profit the previous year, after incurring disposal costs of £508,000 and an

exceptional cost of £2.5 million to cover the manufacturing reorganisation. The job cuts are to be by natural wastage over the next two years, after which the Coatbridge

factory operations, currently employing 900 people, will be merged into the Bothwell Park site, near Glasgow. Alexandra said it will also incur a El million exceptional

cost in the coming 12 months as it diversifies productsourcing, reappraises product strategy and extends its European distributor network.

Trading profit before exceptional items fell from £29 million to £2.4 million, on turnover virtually static at £35.4 million. The interim dividend, payable on December 6, is unchanged at 2.5p.

#### Bigger slice for **PizzaExpress**

By NOEL FUNG

PIZZAEXPRESS is to raise £25.5 million through a share placing to finance the purchase of 33 restaurants, enlarging its pool of company-owned restaurants.

The outlets, comprising 32 Pizza Express franchised restaurants and an independent restaurant in London, are expected to bring in £20 million in turnover and £4 million in operating profit. About 5.68 million

shares will be placed with investors in Britain and America at 475p a share, a 10 per cent discount to yesterday's closing price of 53212 p. The acquisition will increase Pizza Express's company-own-

ed restaurants to 120. Company-owned restaurants enjoy a higher profit margin in excess of 20 per cent, whereas the franchiseed ones yield only

income to PizzaExpress. The number is still a far from the company's target of 250 to 300 in the UK. It plans to open 25 new company-owned restau-rants each year and will expand its overseas coverage

through franchising. In 1993, the company decided to curtail the opening of new franchised restaurants in favour of company-owned ones and the latest purchase reinforces this strategy.

The chain's successful formula helped to boost its annupre-tax profit to £10.2 million in the year to June, a 54 per cent improvement on the previous year. This is the second time since its February 1993 flotation that it has raised funds. It raised £3.5 million in September 1995 through an institutional placing.

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#### Wellington merger shareout WELLINGTON Under-

writing, the largest managing agency at Lloyd's of London, has confirmed details of its planned merger with Wellington Underwriting Holdings (WU Holdings) streeties of the Holdings), supplier of undetwriting capital to Wellington syndicates (Jon Ashworth writes). WU Holdings sharehold-

ers will receive 36.6 million new shares, about 55 per cent of the enlarged Wellington capital. They will also be entitled to deferred consideration linked to the extent to which the enlarged group exceeds earnings targets. Conditional on the offer, shareholders are expected to receive a 4p interim per Wellington share. A second interim of 27p per WU Holdings share ings holders.

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#### Allied Domecq action revives talk of bid

MORE than £260 million wa added to the stock market value of Allied Domecq as the share price shrugged off recent weakness to end the session 254p higher at 4824p. By the close of business

almost four million shares had changed hands in a market where traders will normally quote a price in 50,000 shares at a time. Once again, this has led to revived talk about a bid for the company from Seagrams, the giant north American drinks group. But much of the action in the shares appeared to be taking place on the traded options market before the expiry of the October series.

Brokers reported plenty of activity in the January 500p series where 1,350 contracts. equivalent to 1.3 million shares, were completed. It is believed much of the demand stemmed from investors rolling over their positions from the open-ended October 460p series where 141 contracts were recorded.

It may be that some City speculators are pinning their hopes on a bid from Seagrams emerging before too long. It could also be that some fund managers see better times ahead for the group. The shares have been under a cloud of late, trading well below their year's high of 5560, as the group attempts to complete its restructuring. The rest of the equity mar-

shares came off the boil after their recent record-breaking run. Market-makers called prices lower from the outset as they tried to square their positions before this week's options expiry. There was little genuine selling pressure, just light profit-taking, and this was reflected in the low volume of 649 million shares.

The FT-SE 100 index was further unsettled by the latest unemployment numbers and average earnings. It finished just above its low for the day in spite of another early fall by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York. The FT-SE 100 closed down 26.4 points at

Tate & Lyle fell 1312 p to 483p with the group facing an investigation by US authorities into corn syrup prices. Cadbury Schweppes was 2½p at 520p on the back of this week's figures from Coca-Cola showing disppointing volume in Europe. Cadbury, at



Fitness First made an impressive debut on AIM

present, continues to bottle and distribute Coca-Cola products. Revived talk of a bid from Nestle boosted Dalgety 4p to 3164 p.

A positive trading statement from WH Smith gave the shares a much needed boost with a rise of 19p at 4742p. The group has been busily restructuring its business and reports that its performance so to £11\_32½ expecting to benefit from a missiles joint venture with Lagadere, the French defence group. But the move would be bad news for GEC. which is linked to CSF Thompson. GEC fell 112p to 386½ p.

Prudential Corporation fell 9p to 474p in spite of publishing an impressive set of new business figures. Full-

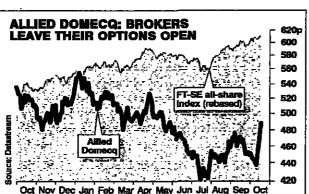
Tesco climbed 5p to 3262p as NatWest Securities took a more optimistic view of prospects and upgraded its recommendation from a "hold" to "add". It also increased its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £10 million to £755 million and for 1997 by £30 million to £850 million.

far is up to expectations. Sales were up 4 per cent in the first four months of the year to

Brokers gave a warm reception to full-year figures from Smiths Industries, the aerospace and medical products group, after weighing in with pre-tax profits up from E138 million to E170.4 million. The price rose 12p to 803 p.

British Aerospace rose 19p

year figures in line with expectations and news of continuing expansion plans at DFS Furniture failed to cut much ice with the City, leaving the price 22p lower on the day at 514½p. The price was undermined by the news that Sir Graham Kirkham's children are thinking of selling a significant proportion of their 22 per cent stake in the company. Fitness First, the health



club operator, made an impressive debut on the Alternaive Investment Market after a placing by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, at 80p. The shares started at 892p and touched 921 p before ending the day at 90½ p.

Bridport Gundry rose 7p to 14912 p as it succeeded overnight in doubling the size of its stock market capitalisation to about £15 million. It has made no less than three acquisitions financed by a three-for-four rights issue at 130p intended to raise EIO million. Last year the group raised pre-tax profits from £1.3 million to £1.45 million.

The news that Alexander Workwear had plunged into the red at the half-year stage with losses of £724,000, compared with a surplus of £2.7 million for the corresponding period, left the shares 150 ower at 1052p. Innovative Technology seemed unruffled by news of increased losses. with the price jumping 16p to 1562 p as it made encouraging noises about prospects.

Reduced losses at Blockleys. the building materials group. failed to do much for the price, which eased 12p to 49p. The group said the period to June was the worst ever experienced by the brick industry. Hard on the heels of disap-

pointing figures this week from Highland Distilleries. up 3½ p at 329½ p, comes news of another distiller finding the going difficult. Burn Stewart Distillers saw pre-tax profits fall from £3.95 million to £1.01 million. The shares fell 72p to

GILT-EDGED: Falls of more than El were recorded among longer dated issues as the market followed the lead of other overseas bond markets. The subsequent fall in unemployment and the higher than expected average earnings only served to accelerate the losses. The December series of the long gilt tumbled £1332 to finish at £1091116 as a total of 117,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost El1332 at £1001516, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £1932 worse off at

□ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were weak in early trading as the market adjusted Dow Jones industrial average over 6,000. At midday, the index was down 26.46 points

#### MAJOR INDICES

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Frankfurt: DAX 2714.90 (-13.55)
Singapore Strairs 2071.26 (+10.78)
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#### RECENT ISSUES

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Elec Retail Sys	1851:	-
Eurasia Mining	315	
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Imperial Tobacco	386	-
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Stand Chart .....

#### **TEMPUS**

#### French dressing

THE Tories are timid when it comes to handing over goodies to the private sector. In France, they do it with flair and yesterday flair was worth about Frll billion, the amount of public money to be given to state-owned Thomson when it is transferred to Lagardere,

the private defence contractor. More to the point, when the French Prime Minister announced he was shovelling huge dollops of public money into the defence electronics group, there was no embarrassed shuffling of feet. He berated the socialists for failing to pump-prime the nationalised industry sufficiently in the past.

Brussels will no doubt look at the cash injection, but this affair is a sacred cow to more than one government, being about the greater European good of standing up to the powerful US defence combines. Combining

will create a strong competitor in missiles. not least because British Aerospace has recently signed a missile joint venture with Matra. British Aerospace is feeling good about the

news, but shares in its rival, GEC, were depressed as the latter has been excluded from the next phase of Anglo-French defence co-operation. GEC's partner, Alcatel, the power and telecoms group, was the losing bidder for Thomson. GEC's self-interest is understandable, but there are reasons to question whether the French Government has made the right choice. To exclude GEC's Marconi electronics business makes little sense if the objective is to create a business capable of competing with the likes of America's Lockheed Martin. In addition. GEC is not short of cash.

#### Smiths Ind

SMITHS INDUSTRIES is well known for its ability to beat City profit forecasts with unfailing regularity. With that in mind, investors should note that Sir Roger Hurn, chief executive and the architect of the company's success, was brimming with optimism yesterday as he prepared to retire to the chairman's office.

The immediate cause for optimism is Smiths' aerospace division - last year the smallest contributor to

profits. New plane orders mean that Boeing's production of 737s and 777s is set to double next year, and Smiths will have up to \$500,000 of instrumentation in every airliner. As the upturn in aerospace continues, there is scope for a substantial gain in margin.

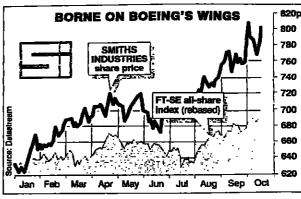
sion continues to defy the squeeze on the cost of healthcare, and is now making a margin of 24 per cent. Even if this were to slip, the business has plenty of export opportunities, particularly in emerging economies such as Investors can also rely on Smiths' proven skill at find-

The medical systems divi-

ing aquisitons that boost earnings. The company has spent £475 million in the past six years.

Of course, the shares are expensive. Up another 12p to 80312p yesterday, they now trade on more than 19 times the current year's earnings. But Smiths' record and its prospects make it easy to justify the rating.

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#### Wickes

WICKES provides investors with yet another cautionary tale about the hollow men and the stuffed men of the accountancy profession. Wickes is writing off some £53 million of shareholders' funds because certain managers overstated the company's profits by booking rebates from suppliers before the money was earned. The allegation is that the misrepresentation was deliberate. that warnings signals were there to be seen, and that the company's auditors should

have investigated. Wickes is reserving its right to sue Arthur Andersen. its former auditor. Senior managers have been sacked and bonuses are to be returned, but investors who bought shares on the strength of the bogus profit record in the accounts may The "lost" funds were a fiction, created by manage-

and therefore, logically, the company has no right to be reimbursed, with the possible exception of dividends paid out of non-existent profits. That leaves investors with a share in a company facing drastic restructuring, a £10 million operating loss and the prospect of a big rights issue. They will be lucky if the stock trades at 50p.

who relied on the "true and fair view" might have a claim against those who boast that "professional" has more meaning than a right to charge £300 per hour. However, the courts - also staffed by professionals - do not believe that accountants owe a duty of care to the likes of you and me. If it was found that they did, the floodgates would open. About time, too.

In a just world, investors

#### **DFS Furniture**

out, it is reasonable to assume that a company's

their range. DFS is no exception, and yesterday the company reported that Sir Graham Kirkham's children were to sell "a significant amount".

The results yesterday showed impressive growth. with turnover up 27 per cent to £184.8 million and like-forlike sales up 10 per cent in the past financial year and continuing at that rate. Moreover, the apparent success of the three new London stores and the expansion plans suggest that growth is not

Deducting the 10p special dividend announced yesterday; -the -22p- slide in- the shares was not as steep as it seemed at first glance, suggesting the market has not lost faith yet. But, with £37 million pre-tax profits forecast for next year, the shares trade on a p/e of 22 times. well above the sector's avertail stocks can be found.

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#### Knives out for the cutlery

NICE to know the nation's finances are in such safe and honest hands. Hot off the press comes the first issue of the Treasury's Accommodation and Security Team bulletin with the eye-catching headline "cutlery and crockery amnesty extended". It contin-ues: "The restaurant is again running very low on cuttery and crockery. If you see unattended coffee flasks, plates, cups and saucers, etc anywhere in the huilding, please call the restaurant and they will collect it — no ques-tions asked!" Other gems: "Graffiti ... in the workplace is unacceptable."

#### More gems anon.

Touchlined WE HEAR that Stephen Hinchliffe, the former Facia hoss, is taking a back seat at Sheffield United Football Club. Having, at one point, been vice-chairman. Hinchliffe slipped back to being a mere director earlier this year and has now resigned from the board. Watch closely to see what happens to his 15 per cent stake in the club, which is frozen by the Mareva injunction taken out by Price Waterhouse, administrators of Hinchliffe's col-

lapsed footwear empire. THE "silver ferrer" is on the move. Sean Lippell. head of corporate law at Leeds-based solicitors Pinsent Curtis, was given the title for his prematurelv erev hair and nose for a deal. Now he is sniffing elsewhere, as he is to join lawyers Garrett & Co. the lawyers owned by Arthur



#### **Red Adair**

REGULATIONS from Brussels must have become so complex that even the Europhile CBI is perplexed by them. Adair Turner, the Director-General, was telling an Anglo-German business conference yesterday, about the sexual harassment directive under the Social Chapter heing at odds with the principle of subsidiarity. He opened with: "Sexual harassment is a very good thing." When this was greeted with laughter, he blushed and tried to ex-plain he was talking about

#### the directive.

Mini memories MOTORING enthusiasts will revive memories of The Italian Job when they take part in this year's Lord Mayor's Show on November 9. No fewer than 35 Mini Cooper cars — as featured in the 1960s bank heist film starring Michael Caine - will motor through the City when the £3 million parade gets

#### under way.

Spotted surfers SO YOU thought the typical Internet surfer was a spotty youth with a predilection for anoraks and Baywatch? Wrong. A new survey claims the average surfer earns more than £25,000 a year. More than one-quarter of British consumers say they would buy motor insurance over the net and 75 per cent of the business already transacted is by women. The nurvey, by Market Assess-ment Publications, called Financial Services Organisations, claims the high street will be the biggest losers in the Internet

revolution.

#### ardly anything in business lasts for ever, except for principles that I I remain pristine through lack of use. So there have to be rules that put some realistic value on not-so-new assets to help managers, bankers and investors assess the state of companies whose operations they cannot know well at first hand.

Accounting rules are not immune from wear. They too have a limited life. High inflation makes nonsense of measures of profit or worth. New finance or trading techniques may not be covered. Smart operators, goaded by fund mangers and abetted by compliant auditors, prise open loopholes and exploit weaknesses. Soon the rules stop being passive measures. They start distorting behaviour over anything from pensions to takeovers, hinder efficiency and hold back economic progress.

Experience suggests that rules should be patched up over 15 to 20 years, then be written off and replaced. The Accounting Standards Board, set up to make rules that command general support, is about to replace its own first Financial Reporting Standard after four years. By contrast, accounting rules developed by the European Commission are set in concrete through EU directives and built into the foundations via national company law. These seemingly immutable laws increasingly stymic reform at home, and growth of international accounting standards.

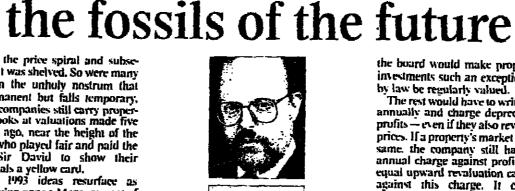
Three years ago, Sir David Tweedie, the board's chairman, brought out a paper that aimed to deal with nonsense property

# Brussels should write off

values left by the price spiral and subsequent slump. It was shelved. So were many valuations. On the unholy nostrum that rises are permanent but falls temporary, many top (00) companies still carry proper ties in their books at valuations made five or more years ago, near the height of the boom. Those who played fair and paid the price want Sir David to show their

recalcitrant rivals a yellow card. Today, the 1993 ideas resurface as another discussion paper. Measurement of Tangible Fixed Assets. It allows companies to carry assets at cost less accumulated annual depreciation, or to revalue them at today's trade prices, which allow for land values and market demand as well as wear and tear. If they are revalued, all assets in one class — such as offices or hotels — should be carried in the balance sheet at upto-date market prices, adjusted systemati-cally each year between full independent valuations at least every five years.

As inflation abates and city centres lose their dominance, more properties will depreciate in value, whichever route is chosen. The trouble is that an EU Company Law Directive makes accounting deprecia-



tion compulsory, echoing cautious German traditions. The directive stems from proposals made more than 25 years ago. But instead of being phased out, they are

enshrined in the Companies Act 1985. Those who follow accounting reform will find this familiar. Often, the best solutions are ruled out because they are illegal and it would take decades to change EU-inspired law. In extreme cases, standard setters invoke the "true and fair override" to ignore a law that leads to

nonsense. To placate City users of accounts,

the board would make properties held as investments such an exception. They must by law be regularly valued.

The rest would have to write down values annually and charge depreciation against profits - even if they also revalue at market prices. If a property's market value stays the same, the company still has to carry an annual charge against profits. Legally, an equal upward revaluation cannot be offset against this charge. It counts as an unrealised gain, somewhere else in the accounts, if a property is revalued upwards, the charge rises and profits fall.

Trade will be distorted. Rent your property from an investor instead of owning it creates more accounting profit. because you would have to charge depreciation but the investor does not. If EUinspired laws stymic sensible reforms, it might be better to devote the effort to

changing the way the EU legislates. This is not an argument about whether laws should be made at EU or national level, but about how to set common regulations for a single market - not who but how. What holds for accounting rules on takeovers, pension investment, dairy hygiene, potato varieties, scwage effluent electrical fittings or fishing.

Unlike the City Takeover Panel, Sir David saw that the best domestic efforts will founder unless standards mesh with those devised by the voluntary International Accounting Standards Committee, or which are forced on top companies by the combined weight of international stock exchanges and investors. Such rules are flexible and can cope with change. But they

cannot be left to private cartels. Most regulation should be contracted out. The Commission should aim for simple directives that traders must follow standards set by a body it nominates and whose members and outpourings it has a right to approve. The UK's Financial Reporting Council is a good model for rules that need cover only the EU. The Anglo-Saxon dominated IASC offers a better but harder example for issues where EU houndaries count for little. The Commission has rightly rejected an EU Accounting Standards Board in favour of observer status at the IASC. It might be offered more.

Would that officials were so enlightened on internal market matters. Most Brusselsbashing stems from its focus on detailed legislation and its consequent failure to manage Union affairs efficiently. Yet more central directives are on the way, on anything from takeovers to lead pipes to meet the perceived needs of the 1990s. They will become the bureaucratic fossils that

#### Philip Bassett on radical US proposals to regulate boardrooms

# Curtains for corporate back-scratching

board appointments that company directors can take. the banning of boardroom hack-scratching where directors serve on each other's boards, and the imposition of precise skill requirements for directors all sound like proposals from an intervention-

ist Labour government. In fact, they are the central recommendations of reforms shortly to be proposed for company directors in the United States - by the directors themselves.

In Britain, the issue of corporate governance - what companies do and how they do it - is about to get a fresh airing. Tomorrow, Sir Ronald Hampel, the chairman of ICI who is heading the Stock Exchangesupported inquiry into corporate governance, will write to a large number of interested parties asking them to submit evidence to him. His inquiry team, comprising industry leaders and the City's great and the good, has met five times so far but is still playing the issue long. Its interim report will not be out until after the general election, with its final recommendations expected at

the end of 1997. In spite of all this private activity by the Hampel committee, the issue retreated from the headlines, mainly because of the defusing of the row over "fat-cat" pay by the Government-backed inquiry into boardroom remuneration headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer. Though some in the City have wriggled over Greenbury - and wriggled hard. especially over pensions - company reports are increasingly complying with its central recommendation by including much fuller levels of disclosure about what board mem-

bers carn, to protect their Stock Exchange listing. If corporate governance has disappeared from the news agenda, it remains a business priority. Yesterday, leaders of the institute of Directors staged a conference on the "enterprise side of governance", including addresses from Coats Viyella and Slough Estates, with the declared aim of trying to balance proper board accountability with entrepreneurial drive. According to Tim Melville-Ross, Director-Genera) of the IoD: "The debate so far has

been too heavily biased towards accountability and regulation." In America, the loD's sister organisation, the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), is about to make a much more radical move. Last year, while the Greenbury inquiry was inching nervously towards its proposals, the NACD strongly recommended that company directors be paid in stock rather than cash to increase their

connection with the firms on whose boards they sit. The response was large-scale," John Nash, the NACD's president,



was attending a conference on corporate governance at the Stetson University College of Law. We have seen a sharp increase in the number of companies paying their

directors in stock." In the 1950s and 1960s, payment in stock in the US formed only 10 per cent of chief executive officers' (CEOs) pay packages. By the 1980s it was 25 per cent; it is now up to 41 per cent. During 1990, CEOs' long-term incentive payments - frowned on by Greenbury - have fallen by 15 per cent, while stock option grants

are up 13 per cent in a year. With the Dow hitting 6,000 this week for the first time, payments in stock are clearly attractive. Stever Hall, managing director of Pearl Meyer, the New York-based pay specialists, says: "Stock options are the drug of choice in executive compensation in corporate America this year." Next month, the NACD will launch a new set of recommendations, which it believes will be even more far-reaching - and which could carry implications for Britain, too. "The general recommendations will have a profound impact on board behaviour." says

Charles Elson, a law professor at

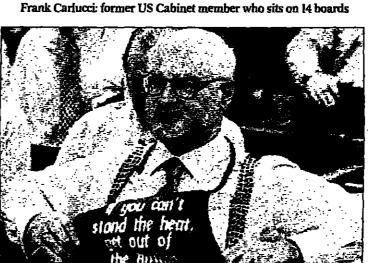
Sir Ronald Hampel: heads UK corporate governance inquiry

commission that drew up the report. 'It will compel compliance."

The aim of the report on director professionalism from the commission, which includes US business leaders from General Motors, Eastman Kodak, 3M, Texaco and Bethlehem Steel, as well as academics from Harvard and elsewhere, pension fund managers and key shareholder activists, is to increase the effectiveness of company directors, who, the NACD feels, should have redirected managers in companies

like IBM, GM and American Express before they hit trouble. From a largely right-wing per-spective, the commission will put





Sir Richard Greenbury: took action to defuse row over "fat-cat" pay forward proposals on November 12 that are far more radical in many ways than some left-wingers in Britain now advocate to reform

companies. They include: Board numbers. The most farreaching proposal will be precise limits on the number of boards directors can sit on. US shareholder activists, now including the Teamsters, the largest trade union, have identified some business leaders serving on a large number of boards, such as Frank Carlucci of Bell Atlantic and General Dynamics, who sits on 14, and Vernon

Jordan of Dell Computer and

Pepsico, who sits on 11.

SHARE OWNERSHIP PATTERNS

The NACD report, which will be the centrepiece at a conference in Washington next month, will say that CEOs should sit on only one, or at the very most two other company boards, and then only after consulting their own board, and only if experience of the other firms can add to that of the CEO's. Other senior managers should sit on only two or three other hoards, and the limit for "professional" directors who do no other job should be five or

row in Britain that led to Greenbury was the emergence of a web of directorships where board members fronting this mutual corporate backwill propose that the practice be ended, and directors appointed on the basis of fitting what companies' search by headhunters, rather than the old boys' network.

directors - the association accepts

that many board members current-

ly do not meet these standards. As

☐ Interlocking directorships. A key feature of the boardroom pay sat on each other's boards. Greenbury shied away from conscratching, but the NACD report want, and usually after an executive

they do it may go in the UK. The Hampel inquiry may suggest a new, post-election way forward, and what is happening in the US ☐ Skills. The NACD will propose may help in offering some new signposts, not all of which may be to minimum standards for company

such as integrity, leadership qualities and others, some proposals will be pretty basic - including the demonstrable ability to read a company balance sheet. ☐ Corporate heads. Although the US is ahead of Britain in some

respects, in others it is not. Cadbury recommended the splitting of the roles of chairman and chief executive — a proposal now widely followed in Britain. In the US, the NACD commission could not reach a consensus so it will say merely that, while the idea has advantages, individual company circumstances

will dictate practice.

Parallels between Britain and the US are not exact, from the structure of equity ownership onwards, as the imbalance in terms of institutional share ownership, compared to Japan, say, where ownership is gener-ally balanced, or the US, where individual share ownership is

The imbalance extends to executive pay. Research by Monks Partnership, the UK pay specialists, shows that chief executives total earnings in the UK rose by 5 per cent in 1994, compared with 12 per cent in the US. New US figures gest that pay levels for CEOs in the Fortune Top 100 companies will average \$4.8 million (£2.7 million)

owever, US business leaders react with horror to the idea of going before a Congressional committee to disclose salary levels and working patterns, as business leaders did in Britain last year before a House of Commons select committee. Shareholder activism is much more advanced in the US than in Britain, though disruptions to the annual meetings of British Gas — which featured a pig called Cedric, brought along by the GMB general union — and Hanson this year, shows how much closer to US levels of activism Britain is moving. James Heard, president of Institu-tional Shareholder Services, the US's leading corporate governance advisory firm, believes the New York Stock Exchange will introduce governance requirements for its company listings within the next five years. Later this month his firm will be briefing its UK client companies in London on how the

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US and UK overlap on corporate America, despite being hit hard by downsizing and continuing rows over executive pay, offers some glimpses of the way the argument over what companies do and how

the liking of British companies and

Stetson and a member of the NACD said in Florida this week, where he Can funds win back investors' trust?

Robert Miller on the damage done to the

a one can draw comfort from the damage that Morgan Grenfell has wreaked on the good name of the unit trust industry. But it is a particular blow to the Government and the Labour Party.

While both sides of the political spectrum will welcome yesterday's clear-out of senior Morgan Grenfell executives as a sign that the messy business will not go away, they will be aware that many who may have been thinking about investing in unit trusts will be put off from making what might be a wise decision. The Conservatives and Labour are

committed to the view that we will all

have to make more private provision

for long-term retirement and

healthcare. It follows, therefore, that the £128 billion unit trust industry will be in the forefront of such a move. Unit trusts offer a relatively low-cost entry point into equity and bond markets, spreading the risk across dezens, if not hundreds, of holdings. Philip Warland, Director-General of

industry by the Morgan Grenfell affair the Association of Unit Trusts and In-

vestment Funds, says: "There is no doubt in my mind that the Morgan Grenfell business has damaged unit trusts, as did the recent lardine Fleming affair. But it has led to the fundamental question being posed in unit trust houses across the City as to who manages the fund manager? Whatever else happens, the recent events have concentrated the minds of unit trusts about what their responsibilities are." He says that rule changes on how

replace many of the existing unit trusts in the next year to 18 months. The pity of the recent happenings in the unit trust world is that such

unit trusts are managed and policed

are to be expected. These, he says, will

be incorporated in the new-style, open-

ended investment companies that will

headline-grabbing scandals tend to obscure many of the good results

achieved in recent years. evertheless, and this is perhaps a main feature of the Morgan Grenfell business, short-termism has been allowed to rule to the ultimate detriment of investors and the industry alike. Of course, investors should keep a weather-eye on long-term core holdings, but selling a trust on the back of a one-year performance in isolation rather than, say, three to five or even seven years is a disservice and one of which many

unit trust houses are guilty. M&G, the UK's oldest unit trust group, founded in 1931, is one that has not been enjoying its customary spark-

ling performance record, and outsiders

have been drafted in to beef up the investment team. But Michael McLintock, M&G's managing director-elect, says the group will not bow to short-term pressures for instant remedial action. He adds: "We have been going through a sticky patch, but we are always asking ourselves if we are doing the right thing and taking the correct approach for the longer term. A lot of products are short-term flavours of the month and if we were part of a big operation there would now be pressure on us to produce just such a short-term performance solution. But we are an independent house with a reputation for integrity, fair dealing

and good long-term performance." Unit trusts and investment trusts, perform a particularly useful service for investors. Their immediate task is to reassure millions of investors that their money is being looked after responsibly. People accept that stock markets rise and full. What they will not tolerate is bad or incompetent

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Ann Hansford and Roger Hussey on summary financial statements

# What's the point in being brief?

WHEN summary financial statements were introduced in 1990 as an alternative to a company's full report and accounts, the Department of Trade and Industry was clear on the

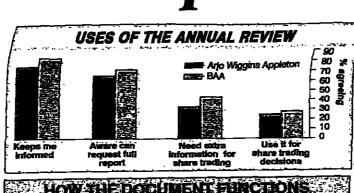
reasons.

Essentially, the document is intended to improve shareholder communication and cut company costs. Now that there have been relaxations in the regulations, making it easier for companies to issue summary financial statements, it seems appropriate to look at the views of shareholders.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton and BAA supported our research. Although both included the summary financial statement in a larger document—the "annual review" — Arjo Wiggins Appleton's document was 44 pages and that of BAA 12 pages.

The table gives shareholders' responses to a question on what they considered to be the functions of the documents. In spite of the disparity in the size of the two publications, the responses were similar. The main function of the annual review is considered to be to assess the performance of the company. This response, together with the view that the annual review is designed to keep the shareholders abreast of company developments, suggests that voluntary disclosures are required in addition to the summary financial statements.

A further question we asked on



Function

Arjo Wiggins Appleton %

Assess the performance of the company 85.7 Keep abreast of company developments 52.3 Know the amount of dividend 97.9 Understand strategy and policies of the company 39.5 Aid future share dealing decisions 24.2 Feel involved with the company 17.0 Identity members of the board 15.2

readership of different items sup-

ports the importance of narrative.

With both documents, the three most

thoroughly read items were the

chairman's statement, the chief exec-

utive's review and directors' emolu-

ments. It is interesting that more

than 20 per cent of respondents considered that the function of the

document was to aid share-dealing

decisions in spite of the fact that both

annual reviews carried the statutory

85.7 62.8
52.3 54.1
47.9 55.9
39.5 39.5
24.2 22.9
17.0 18.6
15.2 18.6

warning that the summary financial statement should not be used for this purpose. The shareholders were also asked a cross-check question that provided further data. The chart shows the percentage of those who answered "strongly agree" and "agree". These categories have been

aggregated for comparison.
Shareholders of the two companies ranked the four choices in the same order, although the percentages show



Hussey: shareholders questioned

that there were some differences in the strength of responses. The highest level of agreement was the use of the annual review for keeping the shareholder informed. The second-highest level of agreement referred to the availability of the full annual report and accounts, and it is of concern that such a large percentage of shareholders apparently do not realise that this is available on request. It is intriguing that a significant

proportion of both groups of shareholders claim to use the annual review for share-trading numbers.

review for share-trading purposes.

One explanation is provided by evidence from interviews, which suggests that less financially sophisticated users prefer a shorter document from which they can extract the information more easily, rather than a more complex document

complex document.

As financial reporting regulations become even more complicated and the amount of required disclosures more extensive, the summary financial statement as part of an annual review becomes an increasingly attractive source of information for many private shareholders.

Many will regard the document as discharging a stewardship function, a way of quickly gaining information on the company. Although legislators did not intend summary linancial statements to be used for decision-making, some will regard the document at least as one source of information for share trading. There are advantages in being brief and the desire to increase disclosures to prevent the misleading of shareholders should not overwhelm the need to illuminate them.

Shareholders' views of the annual review is available from Haydn Everitt, Deloitte and Touche, 0171-303 4463 The authors are at Bristol Business School



ROBERT BRUCE

# Foundation to goad the profession

was thought to be the final arbiter. These days a committee will do. But the problem, as the Government has found with post-Nolan allegations of sleaze, is which group of which people will be accepted as ultimate judges of other people's behaviour. In public and professional life in recent years there has been a constant leapfrogging upwards in desperate attempts to create a tribunal, committee, or working party to in-

spire universal acceptance. This week the accountancy profession published the blueprint of what it hopes will prove to be its ultimate arbiter. After months of toil proposals for an independent review board, which would initially oversee the regulatory side of the profession but in time turn into a body to act as a conscience for the accounting bodies, have finally been unveiled.

The structure is remarkably simple. A nominating board — The Foundation — would appoint a Review Board. The Foundation would have no accountants on it, "not even a pastpresident", as one committee member put it. The Review Board would have no regulatory powers but would follow its own agenda, reporting on anything that it felt the profession was

not properly tackling. The report's language is interesting. It says that "the public interest should be voiced with conspicuous independence". And it uses the word "goad" to show how it expects action to be brought about. "The independent articulation of public concerns should provide a mechanism," it says, "by which the professional bodies are goaded constantly to act to ensure that their system of regulation and discipline anticipates developing public concerns rather than simply reacting to them." By this method it hopes to bring combination of a system dynamic enough to move with the needs of public interest but stable enough to create confidence in what the profession is doing.

It will be a tough task. "It is the independence of comment upon the professional bodies' performance which offers the prospect of a dynamic system which could also be stable." the report says. "This is the principal reason for the creation of the Review Board." Initially it will cover systems of regulation and discipline, but as it develops, and if it feels the need to flex its muscles, it is expected that its remit

would widen. The report envisages the Auditing Practices Board coming under the Review Board umbrella. It sees the regulation of insolvency services and the whole system of ethics also moving fairly swiftly under its control.

Probably the best description is of the Review Board as "observer and examiner" in line with the vision of Chris Swinson, of BDO Stoy Hayward, chairman of the implementation working party which has produced the report. The system will come into force in 1998 and take regulation and discipline as its primary focus. But it is hoped that it will emulate the US model. the Public Oversight Board, set up 20 years ago. In the words of Swinson, "after five years it will talk about anything it wants". Given enough freedom it should simply expand its role. Experience in the US, says the report, "suggests that the Review Board will act as a goad to the accountancy bodies. They, it is expected, will seek to avoid public criticism by the board by taking, where appropriate, anticipatory remedial action.

process. The board will expect the profession to answer when criticised. "It would not," says the report, "be the purpose of the new body to speak for the public. Rather, it should be the new body's purpose to express its independent preserve and enhance the for serving the public interest: to act in this sense as a trustee of the profession's name and reputation ... it report on the profession, but also to require the profession to submit reports to it." If the scheme is not nobbled at birth by the more secretive members of the profession, and there is no obvious way they could do that, it should become a truly independent arbiter. It will not quite provide a parting of the clouds and the hurling of thunderbolts, but

something close.

It has also provided two valuable by-products. The working party has proved that all the accountancy bodies, by and large, can act together effectively as long as those with age-old political

axes to grind are excluded.

And it has also ensured that if the next government opts for a US-style Securities and Exchange Commission, then a scheme that can be tacked on easily is already in



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KPMG has been making much of the survey it commissioned that shows a large majority of finance directors think accountancy firms, as KPMG alone has already done, should publish their accounts. KPMG began a poster campaign earlier this week with the theme that its books are open and so are its relationships with clients. The results can already be described as startling. No sooner had a poster appeared alongside offices of its arch-competitor. Ernst & Young than E&Y announced that it too was going to publish full figures.

#### Spirited stuff

SIR DAVID TWEEDIE, the iconoclastic and humorous head of the Accounting Standards Board, is trying to get up the accounting nose of the American standard-setters again. Speaking at a seminar organised by the recruitment consultant, Hewitson Walker, he told of a spat with the chief accountant of the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

"He was very angry about the idea that we would stop writing off goodwill over 20 years." Sir David said, "and tartly in-formed us that the Americans had thought this out 40 years ago and come up with the answer then." Sir David said: "I replied that brands like Gordon's Gin and Johnnie Walker are actually older than the United States and in my view have done more for the sum of human happiness than the United States." And to finish off. reforted that he "would write the United States off before Black Label.

#### Media medals AFTER extensive research into

how much media coverage leading lights of the six main accountancy firms receive. KPMG has just released its latest findings, showing managing partner Colin Sharman way ahead with 33. Other figures are more revealing. For example, Peter Smith, Coopers & Lybrand's self-effacing magaing director, scored only fix—outshone by, among others. Ron Paterson, E&Y's wily technical director.

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**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

**Compaq Computer** 

COMPAQ Computer Corp lifted its profits by 43 per cent in the third quarter as it increased sales of personal computers

and accessories and streamlined operations. Compaq, the

world's largest supplier of personal computers, said that net

income for the three months to September 30 rose to \$350

million, from \$245 million. Earnings per share were \$1.26, up

from 59 cents previously. The per-share results were well above Wall Street estimates of \$1.07, but the shares fell by

Revenue rose by 25 per cent, to \$4.5 billion, from \$3.6 billion. Compaq said that its accessories business, which

includes monitors, keyboards, and CD changers, grew-significantly in the third quarter and remained one of its most

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The Australian radio industry is dominated by two players, Austereo and Australian Radio Network and takes a 9 per cent share of total advertising revenue. Unlike UK licencing regulations, Australia does not require a radio station to specify its programming format before a licence is awarded, allowing it to alter it to suit demand. The Daily Mail and General Trust already owns more than

#### **DMGT** expands radio arm in Australia FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

THE Daily Mail and General Trust stepped up its expansion into the Australian radio industry yesterday with the acquisition of a further two radio stations for A\$9 million (£4.5 million).

The company, known locally as DMG Radio Australia, now has a string of 14 regional radio stations in three states, which will expand to 18 in the next few months as new stations come on air. It also owns one metropolilan station in Adelaide.

However, Paul Thompson, chief executive, admitted that the group is frustrated by the Australian Government's lack of progress in auctioning off new metropolitan FM licences which had been planned for early next

Analysis say too that a sharp rise in the price of existing metropolitan radio stations has forced DMG Radio to rethink its original strategy of buying mainly in Australia's cities and made it look at region-

al stations as well. Mr Thompson said: "We remain committed to future growth through the acquisition of existing radio stations and through new licences the creation of new com-

mercial radio stations. "While the current delay in the issuing of new metropolitan FM licences is frustrating, it is allowing DMG to rapidly build the infrastructure required for the development and management of a significant network of

and regional markets." The two stations acquired yesterday, 2AY AM and Bl04.9 in Albury. New South Wales give DMG Radio a dominant presence in central and south-western New South

30 radio stations in the UK and Scandinavia.



Geoffrey Woods, chief executive of Bridport-Gundry. Its aviation acquisitions include Militair, which supplies spares for the Harrier jet shown

# Post Office seeks power to mount takeover bids

By Christine Buckley, Industrial correspondent

THE Post Office mounted a fresh push for takeover powcrs yesterday, calling on MPs to let it buy other businesses and set up joint ventures.

The organisation has already had early-stage talks with a number of businesses in complementary areas. A spokesman said: "If we were allowed the commercial freedom we want, we would know where to go." He said the Post Office would look to expand its business internationally and in the UK, offering one-stop services such as direct mail.

JURYS HOTEL GROUP.

based in Dublin, is exporting

its Inn budget accommodation

concept to Britain, with the

construction of a hotel in

The new Jurys Inn will be

built on a site in Pentonville

Road that the company

bought for £1.75 million. If it is

successful, Jurys plans to open

up similar operations in large British cities over the next few

central London.

Richard Close, finance director, told the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee inquiry into the Post Office that the organisation wanted the same commercial freedom enjoyed by other state-run postal services. He said that the UK should be able to operate in the same fashion as the Dutch Post Office, which recently bid for TNT, the international parcel

carrier. He said that TNT

competed with Parcelforce,

Jurys to open London Inn

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years, the company said

It also announced the cre-

ation of a new lnn in Limerick

city at a cost of Ir £7.5 million.

frills Inn hotel in Dublin in

1992 and now has four units in

Ireland. Another Jurys Inn in

Belfast is due to open in

star accommodation at budget

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Jurys established its first no-

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March 1997.

Sir Michael Heron, Post

part of the Royal Mail.

Office chairman, warned MPs that the organisation was at a crossroads from which it could move to be a worldbeating post office or a "ghost

He said the Dutch bid for TNT, which has said it intends to set up a rival mail delivery service, was "precisely the sort competition we have warned about and again underlines the Post Office's urgent and essential need for commercial freedom'

Sir Michael also called for the Government to ease the

prices. Rooms at the London

Inn will cost around £60 a

night. All rooms will be en-

suite and will accommodate

three adults, or a family of

The hotel chain, which also operates a string of luxury hotels in Ireland and the UK,

reported a 58 per cent increase

in pre-tax profits to Ir£9.51

million for the year ended

three years. The committee heard from all sides in the postal service in its one-day inquiry, including the unions and customers

groups. The Communication Workers' Union is currently balloting members on a pay and conditions package amid a long-running dispute with the Post Office.

cash demands -- the external

financing limits - it makes on

the Post Office. The Post Office

must pay the Government £925 million over the next

The one-day strikes implemented by the union over the summer resulted in a onemonth suspension of the Post Office's monopoly of post costing less than £1. If further action is taken the Government has said it will suspend the monopoly for three months. The result of the ballot is expected at the end of

the month. The Communication Workers' Union has backed the Post Office's calls for government cash demands to be trimmed. It said the Treasury was too stringent, denies the Post Office "vital finance for investment and has contributed to the current climate of industrial unrest in Royal Mail".

#### **Bridport's** aviation expansion

By Noel Fung

BRIDPORT-GUNDRY, the specialist textiles and aviation products group, has raised £9.1 million through a rights issue to fund three acquisi tions that will double its market capitalisation from EIS million to E30 million.

The acquisitions, costing Ell.95 million, are Militair Aviation, an aircraft spares distributor: Avery, a passen-ger-cabin textile designer and manufacturer; and Safetywear, an aviation clothing distributor. They will need to be approved at a general meeting on November 8.

The three for four rights issue at 130p per share, raising £9.1 million, will cover the cash and loan notes portion of the acquisitions, while the rest will be financed through the issue of shares.

Aviation and defence contributed more than 50 per cent of the group's profits in the year to July 31. Pre-tax profits increased 9 per cent to £1.45 million, on turnover up 7 per cent at £30.3 million.

· Graham MacSporran, the finance director, said the acquisitions would increase earnings per share by up to 20 per cent. The group is to dispose of its non-core sport and leisure division.

The proposed final divi-dend will be 2.44p, making a total of 4.04p, up 12 per cent.

#### profitable segments. For the first nine months of the year, net income grew by 20 per cent, to \$851 million, from \$707 million. Revenue rose to \$12.7 billion, from \$10.1 billion. Worldwide sales were \$14.8 billion last year, the last full year.

\$1.875. to \$73.25, in early trading in New York.

Portfolio value falls TOWN CENTRE SECURITIES, the property investment company, reported a 2 per cent fall in the total value of its portfolio to £253 million yesterday. This was in spite of the addition of shopping centres in Salisbury and Leigh. The average yield of new purchases was in excess of 9 per cent. Pre-rax profits were 1938 million (£9.3 million) in the year to June 30. Earnings eased to 5.92p a share (6.38p) as a result of a higher tax charge. The total dividend is 3.5p a share (3.25p), with a 2.45p final.

#### Ashbourne buys homes

ASHBOURNE, one of the UK's largest private nursing home groups, has acquired three purpose-built nursing homes for a total of £5.9 million. The homes, with a total of £34 beds, are in Bolton, Cambridge and Upminster. Ashbourne will now operate 3,325 beds in 46 homes. Homes with a total of 591 beds are currently under construction and due for completion within the next 12 months. Tony Hamilton, chief executive, said that the company would continue to seek suitable acquisitions.

#### Wescol exports flourish

WESCOL Group, the structural steel fabricator, said orders since the year-end have been excellent, with export orders exceeding the total for the previous year. The company has secured three contracts in Singapore worth more than £5 million. In the year to July 31, Wescol lifted pre-tax profits to £1.2 million, from £800,000, on turnover that improved to £28.7 million (£24.3 million). Earnings were 2.6p a share (2p). A final dividend of 0.7p a share lifts the total to 1p (0.75p).

#### Adwest in Nissan deal

ADWEST, the engineering company, has secured a contract worth £7.5 million annually to supply pedal boxes, gearshifts and handbrakes for Nissan's new Primera. The car is the first Nissan model designed specifically for European markets and is set to become its best-selling model in Europe. Adwest Rearsby, a subsidiary, also supplies components for the Nissan Micra. Nissan has 204 suppliers in Europe, spending about £705 million each year on components.

#### Blockleys passes payout

BLOCKLEYS, maker of bricks and clay paviours, is passing payment of an interim dividend (0.01p last time). In the six months to June 30, the company cut pre-tax losses to £54,000. from £211,000, but it says that trading conditions remain harsh, with the construction industry expecting UK brick sales to be lower than in 1995. Company turnover fell to £4.4 million, from £5.28 million, in what Brian Taylor, chairman, called "the worst half-year recorded in the brick industry".

#### La Senza expanding

LA SENZA, the specialist lingerie and sleepware retailer, plans to open a further seven shops, including its first outlets in central London, within the next month. A 15-year lease was signed last week for a shop in Oxford Street, giving the company a presence in the West End of London. La Senza raised £19.35 million when its shares were floated on the Alternative Investment Market in May, to fund the opening of 150 shops nationwide over five years.

# **Burn Stewart Distillers**

PRE-TAX profits at Burn Stewart. Price Waterhouse, its auditor, judged that the cus-Stewart Distillers, the Scotch tomer was effectively not indewhisky producer, dived in the year to June 30, after its auditor insisted on a change in applied. Burn Stewart was forced to make provisions and accounting practices. The company, which said its defer profit until the current

year, when the consultancy underlying business was improving, had postponed the results for two weeks as it agreement ends. It is proposing to pay a further dividend of 1.7p per applied accounting standard share in November - mak-FRS 5. As a result, forecast ing 3.4p for the year, compre-tax profits of about E4 million fell to £1 million. compared with £3.96 million. pared with 5p - but expects to make a larger interim or full-year dividend in the cur-The change centred on its rent year. Earnings per share fell from 4.65p to 0.94p, on turnover up from £50.4 mildealings with a wholesale customer, which also provides

lion to £54.4 million. The company's gearing increased slightly, to 99 per cent.

Ian Bankier, group manag-ing director, said gross mar-gins remained stable at 25 per The company claimed to have growing support for its repeated calls for increases in supply side prices of up to 50 per cent, although Mr Bankier said he did not expect signifi-cant movement until the next

financial year. The share price, already at an all-time low, fell 11.5p to 70p at the start of trading yester-day, before recovering slightly.

# Accounting change hits | United Assurance given

TRADING will begin today in United Assurance, a new £1.4 billion insurance company formed from the merger of Refuge Assurance and Uni-

The merger was finally approved yesterday by both sets of shareholders after two months of wrangling. The deal had faced opposition from a number of institutional shareholders, which argued that Refuge had been undervalued by £450 million and the potential value of its surplus "orphan" assets in the life fund had been ignored.

By Marianne Curphey August and Refuge eventually bowed to shareholder pressure and created a sweetener in the form of a new security that guaranteed its shareholders a slice of any future benefits. At the extraordinary meeting in Wilmslow. Chesh-

shareholders also approved merger was effectively re-moved when Perpetual, the leading fund manager, which

Refuge and which had voiced criticism of the merger, gave the deal its blessing last week.

The Prudential, which holds 6 per cent of Refuge, and Britannic, Refuge's biggest institutional shareholder with a stake of 10 per cent, had both expressed reservations about the deal. However, after the creation of the sweetener they accepted the terms at the end of September. Shares in both companies rose on news of the approval: United Friendly by 42p to 88812p and Refuge by 4p to 442½p.

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#### KINGDOM OF MOROCCO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

**CONCESSION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL** TRANSSHIPMENT ATLANTIC-TANGIER PORT

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

The Morocean Ministry of Public Works is launching an international open tender for the prequalification of bidders interested in the concession of new Atlantic-Tangier port.

The new port would receive on one hand, all the traffics of the present

port of Tangier not including the passengers, fishing and pleasure traffics which would remain in the present port, and on the other hand, international transshipment traffics.
The concession implies that the selected bidder (concession) charge of carrying out the detailed and tender design engineering studies, constructing the new port and operating it for a certain period of time to be defined later. The option of conceding the operating of

the present port of Tangier might be considered through the offers to be submitted by the bidders. The tender is open to Moroccan and foreign corporate bodies. companies, shipowners, banks and financial institutions, public and private corporations, individually or associated in joint ventures, and having satisfactory technical and financial references.

The prequalification application documents may be obtained by the interested bidders from the Direction des Ports et du Domaine Public Maritime of the Ministry of Public Works starting October the 15th, 1996. The application for prequalification will be made by answering the questionnaire of the prequalification application documents. The duly filled in prequalification documents are to be sent along with a registration application, not later than December 23, 1996 at 6.00p.m. to the following address:

DIRECTION DES PORTS ET DU DOMAINE PUBLIC MARITIME ROUTE D'AKRACH, HAY NAHDA II B.P. 5131 — Rabat-Takaddoum

Rabat-Morocco Phone: (212 7) 75 39 45 & (212 7) 75 57 14 ---

Fax: (2127) 75 00 11 A briefing session will be held on October 31, 1996 at 10.00s.m. at Marchane Palace - Tangier. Companies interested in attending this briefing session are requested to apply by October 28, 1996 at the

first, 1997. Closing date for the selection application: July 31, 1997. Notification of the selection results to the prequalified candidate

Notification of the prequalification results to the candidates: March

September 30, 1997. Notification of the concession: March, 1998.

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# 'Feel-good' factor back at Pru

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

**NEW BUSINESS figures** published yesterday by the Prudential, the UK pensions group, show the long-awaited "feel-good" factor has re-

turned to the savings market. The greatest shift in sales has been toward single premi-um products. Worldwide single contribution sales for life, pension and investment products were up by 52 per cent in the nine months to September 30, and UK single sales rose by 48 per cent. If a one-off annuity sale of £500 million were included in the figures, they would total £5 billion worldwide, up by 70 per cent, and £2.78 billion in the UK,

The Prudential's figures are

seen as a benchmark within

the industry, and will be

encouraging to other life com-

up by 80 per cent.



Peter Davis saw Prudential win more new business

panies. During 1995, sales fell amid consumers' fears over job security and people's reluctance to buy into the life industry after the pensions mis-selling scandal.

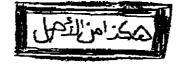
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to have dampened sales.

way in which products are sold, known in the industry as "disclosure", are also believed

Peter Davis. Prudential's group chief executive, said that he was "delighted" with

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#### Restrictive covenant can be upheld

Rock Refrigeration Ltd v Jones and Another Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Morrin and Lord Justice Phillips

Judgment October 101 A restrictive covenant which was expressly provided to take effect alternai upon the termination of a contract and ac employment "howsoever occa-Trade a sioned was not necessarily an

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unreasonable restraint of trade and thus void and unenforceable. The Court of Appeal so held in that the against a decision of Sir Michael Davies that a restrictive covenant regular imposed against the first defen-dant, Michael Anthony Jones, a former employee of the plaintiffs was unenforceable against him and the second defendants, Sew-ard Refrigeration Ltd, his new both in

> Mr Eldred Tabachnik QC and Mr Antony Sendali for plaintiffs: Mr Andrew Stafford for the

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that in holding the covenants unenforceable the judge on the judgment of Mr Justice Laws in D v M (The Times March 18, 1996; [1996] IRLR 192).

The starting point for that line of authority was General Billposting Co v Atkinson (1909) AC 118) where the employers had dis-missed their employee in deliberate disregard of the terms of the contract" so as to "evince an intention no longer to be bound by the contract".

In those circumstances it was held that the employee "was thereupon justified in rescinding the contract and treating himself as absolved from the further perforlonger to be hound by the restric-

Before Lord Justice Morritt and

When the court exercised its pow-

ers under section 24 of the Matri-

monial Causes Act 1973 to make

husband and wile following the

break up of a marriage, it was

entitled to take into account the

local authority's housing policy

and to consider the likely effects of

when dismissing an appeal by the wife, Antonia Jones, from a de-

cision of Judge Chalkley sitting at

Andover County Court on August

, 1996 when he reversed an order

Aldershot and Farnham County

Court on May 16, 1996 and ordered

that the tenancy of a council flat at

to the husband, Ronald Jones.

Hornhatch. Chilworth,

Mr Jeffrey Widdup for the wife:

Miss Jennifer Shaw for the

said that the wife petitioned for

judicial separation in June 1995,

after just 15 months of marriage.

and there were now divorce

proceedings. The parties were

District Judge Matthews at

The Court of Appeal so held

that policy on each of the parties.

operty transfer orders between a

Jones v Jones

Judgment August 2명

It was worth noting that the case was decided "on broader lines that those ... as to mutual and independent covenants.

Next came Briggs v Outes ([1990] ICR 473) where the question arose whether a solicitor whose contract whether a solicitor whose contract had been brought to an end by the dissolution of the parmership which had employed him was nevertheless bound by a restrictive provision expressed to operate once the agreement "shall have determined for whatever reason".

Mr Justice Scott had held not for

appeared to rely on the "mutual ity" approach and the second was the General Billposting approach. However, he went on to give his third reason as follows: But the point goes further. Suppose I am wrong. Suppose (the submission) is right that under the true ruction of the contract, clause

8 binds the defendant regardless of whether the agreement was brought to an end by ... some ... wrongful dismissal of the He continued: "If [those sub-

mission| are right I would regard the clause 8 restraint as unreasonable as between the parties. A contract under which an employee could be immediately and wrongfully dismissed but would never-theless remain subject to an anticompetitive restraint seems to me to be grossly unreasonable. I vould not be prepared to enforce the restraint in such a contract. It was that third reason which

was critical for present purposes since it was that which expressly inderlay the decision in D v M. In Living Design (Home Improvements) Ltd v Davidson ([1994] IRLR 69) the relevant covenants were to run for six months after the termination of the ever that comes about and whether

aged 52 and there were no children of the marriage. Both were on

ncome support and during their

marriage they lived together as

oint tenants in the council flat.

That tenancy was the only matri-

monial property of significance and the issue raised was to which

of them it should be transferred.

disabled with emphysema and a

modation which required him to

climb stairs was unsuitable. The

flat was suitable as it was on the

ground floor and had been modi-

fied for someone with disabilities.

If he was rendered homeless he

would be considered to have a

priority need for housing by the

local housing authority and in

consequence would be at or near

the head of the queue for rehous-

ing. In that respect his position differed from that of the wife, who.

if she lost her home would be at the

end of the queue, if indeed she would be entitled to local authority

ordered the flat be transferred to

her on her undertaking that she

permitted the husband, pending

rehousing, to have a shower and

wash every day.

The husband was physically

regarded that as "manifestly wholly unreasonable" agreeing with Mr Justice Scott's observabeen obiter but they seem to me to

For his Lordship's part, the law applicable to covenants and re-straint of trade simply had no relevance to the present situation.

The most basic premise upon which the whole restraint of trad doctrine was founded was that, but for the doctrine's application, the covenant in question would otherwise operate to restrain the em-ployee unduly. It rendered unenforceable what would other-

wise be enforceable. whole point about the General Billposting principle was that in cases of repudiatory breach by the employer, the employee was obligations under the contract and valid against him, accordingly

could not be enforced. Once that principle was decided. its future application necessarily postulated that such restrictive covenants upon their true construction would otherwise be enforceable against employees. In short, Mr Justice Scott had

clearly been right not wrong in the initial reasons he gave for holding the restrictive covenant unenforce able against the wronged solicitor. Thus the essential premise for the conclusion that the covenant would constitute and unreasonable restraint of trade collapsed: a coverant which in certain circumstances was discharged could not be unenforceable under the restraint of trade doctrine merely stances it would be unreasonable

to enforce it. His Lordship therefore held that D v M had been wrongly decided. All that assumed (a) that all restrictive covenants necessarily

Housing policy relevant in property transfer order

Judge Chalkley had concluded

that the district judge had erred in principle and that the husband's

enjoyed a council tenancy for 20 years whereas the wife had only

come to share the benefit as the

result of a very short marriage gave the husband the edge in the

contest for the tenancy. The judge

had considered it contrary to

public policy to reach a decision on

the basis that the husband would

be rehoused but the wife would

His Lordship said that the

decision of the court as to who was

to remain in what was the matri-

monial home under a local au-

thority tenancy and who was to

leave it might well have con-sequences for the local authority

If that decision fell to be taken by

the local authority it would no

doubt have regard not only to the

consequences on those directly affected by the decision but to the

The court's primary, if not

that decision under section 24 of

the 1973 Act must be the effect on

those directly affected by its de-cision. Indeed where children were

involved section ≥5(1) of the Act

others on the housing list.

claims to housing of

ncapacity and the fact that he had

employee's acceptance of the employer's repudiatory breach, that is that the General Rillposting principle remained wholly unaffected by the Photo Produc tions Ltd v Securicor Transport Ltd [1980] AC 827) line of authority and (b) that any wrongful termina-tion of the contract by the employers would necessarily involve a repudiatory breach.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT, concurring, said that the statement of Mr Justice Scott in Briggs v Outes had to be understood to be the rejection of the submissions of counsel put forward on a hypothesis which did not arise in that case and was, in his Lordship's view, a legal impossibility.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS, agreeing that the appeal should be allowed, said that he did not find the route that lead to that conclusion as clear as the other members

His Lordship had concluded that the rule in General Billposting accorded neither with cur-rent legal principle nor with the requirements of business efficacy. That was not a point which it was necessary to decide because it did not, in his Lordship's judgment, affect the result of the appeal. However, it was right that he and explain why they did not affect the result of the appeal.

Since 1909 the law in relation to the discharge of contractual obligations by acceptance of repudiation had developed and clarified. Heyman v Darwins Ltd (1942) AC 356) held that an arbitration clause remained binding after the acceptance of a repudiation and the theory that a contract was abrogated upon acceptance of a repudiation or a laid to rest in Photo Production Ltd v Securicor Transport Ltd.

expressly so provided.

His Lordship did not see how the court could perform its duty with-

would happen to those deprived of

the right to live in the matrimonial

volved having regard to the effect

It was not correct to describe, as

the judge had done, the effect of

such an approach as being to direct the local authority to provide

a house for someone to whom it

would otherwise not give a house'

or "to manipulate local authority

housing lists and to usurp the

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acting duties and functions, and

the court could not but have regard

to the manner in which the

performance by the housing au-

thority of its functions was likely to

affect the consequences of the

court's decision.

The judge's reasons for revers-

ing the district judge was wrong in

ships had now to look at the matter

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able to the wife and the likelihood

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authority had different but inter-

The reality was that in such a

authority housing policy.

function of the council".

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and that necessarily in-

ment should not be equated with the primary obligations that were discharged when a contract of employment was terminated consequent upon repudiation. The consideration for such restraints was in reality not the obligat give the appropriate notice of termination of the employee's services but the granting of employ-ment that afforded access to confidential information and goodwill.

Such restraints were not "one of the purposes of the contract" (Heyman v Darwins Ltd) they were ancillary to those purposes. But for General Billposting his Lordship could see no principle of law which precluded the parties from validly agreeing to restraints that would subsist even if the employment

it was at least arguable that having regard to the subsequent development of that area of the law, not every restrictive covenant would be discharged upon repudiatory termination of the

However, it was not necessary to resolve that issue.

If, contrary to Mr Stafford's concession [that the General Bill-posting principle was of universal application the restrictive cov-enants would, if valid, have survived if Mr Jones had been wrongfully dismissed by Rock that reasonable and consequently void as being an unlawful restraint of

The remote possibility that Rock might have terminated his employment in circumstances where they repudiated their obligations did enants which purported to apply

modest accommodation in the

private sector, the balance swung

back to the husband and he ought

to be permitted to retain the

benefits of the tenancy he had

enjoyed for so long, a tenancy that

was particularly suited for his disability.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT.

agreeing, said that the dicta in

Thompson v Thompson (1976) Fam 25) were now plainly out of

date in the light of changes made

by the Housing Act 1980 to the

relationship between a council and

its tenant. Those provisions were

reproduced in the Housing Act

1985. A local authority tenant now

was specifically made assignable

in the circumstances of the present

case by section 91(3)(b) of the 1985

Parliament therefore evidently

envisaged that the circumstances

of security of tenure and its effect

and the housing policy of local authorities should be matters

which could be taken account of in

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#### Purchasers entitled to lien to secure deposits

Chattey and Another v Farndale Holdings Inc

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice

Lindement October III Purchasers who signed conditional

contracts to buy flats which were to be constructed in the future were entitled to a lien to secure the neturn of their deposits when the development failed. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the first plaintiff, Stanley

Chattey, but dismissing the appeal the second plaintiff. Oliver Strebel, against the decision of Mr Justice Blackburne on May 21, 1996 that their claims against the Inc. failed. Mr John Macdonald, OC and

Mr Nicholas Le Poidevin for the plaintiffs: Mr Kim Lewison. QC and Mr John Wardell for the

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that each of the plaintiffs had contracted to buy the sub-underlease of one of a number of flats being constructed in a dev-elopment and had paid deposits totalling 20 per cent of the purchase price. The construction work flats was paid for out of the deposits and money borrowed rom banks on the security of the development.

The vendor became insolvent The development was sold at the instance of the banks and the plaintiffs claimed to recover their denosits from the subsequent ownthe defendants, in priority to the banks and their successors in title by means of the purchaser's liens to which they claimed to be

The contracts signed by the plaintiffs had provided that the agreement was conditional upon the vendor obtaining satisfactory planning consent. Planning perwas subsequently granted.

One of the issues that arose was whether in view of the fact that the contracts were (a) conditional until the grant of satisfactory planning nt and (b) for the leases not previously in existence, the plaintiffs were entitled to a purchaser's lien to secure the return of the deposits paid exercisgranted before planning permission was given, and those claiming under it.

That issue necessitated consideration of the basic principles on which the purchaser's lien was ted that it was essential that the

In re B (a Minor) (Special

A local education authority which

its special needs children in school

to age 16 and thereafter at a college

of further education was entitled to

cease to maintain the statement of

special educational needs under

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equitable interest in the property contracted to be purchased should have passed to the purchaser.

If the contract was conditional it was not specifically enforceable until the condition had been satisfied so that until then the beneficial or equitable interest in it could not have passed to the purchaser and, in consequence. there could not be a purchaser's

The defendants also submitted that there could be no lien if the contract was for the grant of property not previously existing, such as a new lease, for there could have been no subsisting beneficial interest capable of being vested in the purchaser even if the contract was unconditional and therefore susceptible of specific performance. The defendants supported each of those submissions by reference to the decision of the House of Lords in Rose v Watson ((1864) IO HLC 672).

The defendants did not contend that it was necessary that the contract should be specifically enforceable at the time the benefit of the lien was claimed nor when the money for which it was claimed to be security was paid, rather that unless and until the contract was specifically enforceable by the purchaser the lien

could not arise. Thus the defendants accepted. subject to their other submissions. that a lien arose when the contract came unconditional but by then ir would necessarily be subject to

seemed to his Lordship that the defendants' argument would

give rise to anomalies: First, the lien would not be directly related to the purchaser's payments sought to be secured and would be denied in those circumstances where such protection was

Second, if the lien arose at the time of and in consequence of the accrual of the right to specific performance of the contract it was hard to understand why the lien did not cease if the right to specific performance was subsequently lost. That the lien was not lost was conceded by the defendants and in any event established by Levy v

Stoedon ((1898) 1 Ch 478). Third, it was hard to see why the substantive right of the purchaser to a lien should depend on the availability to him of a remedy. particularly one which if successfully invoked would negate the need to rely on the right at all.

The statement of Sir George Jessel. Master of the Rolls in London and South Western Railway Co y Gomm (11882) 20 ChD 562, 581) showed that a purchaser had an equitable interest or estate in land if he had a right to call for the legal estate, albeit future and conditional, which the vendor had

no right to refuse. Here the vendor was contracrually bound to use his best endeavours to obtain a satisfactory planning consent on the grant of which the contract became unconditional. The equitable interest or estate of the purchaser was one which entitled him to seek specific relief in the form of injunctions so as to protect that right not-withstanding that a claim for specific performance might have

heen premature. Rose v Watson clearly established that the purchaser's bene-ficial or equitable ownership of the property arising in consequence of a contract to purchase land which was from the outset specifically enforceable was sufficient for the creation of the purchaser's fien. It did not establish that such an interest was not only sufficient but necessary for the establishment of a lien in favour of the purchaser.

In his Lordship's judgment, the circumstances in which a purchaser's lien would arise were not limited to those in which the contract was or had been specifically enforceable but included those in which there was or had been a right to call for the legal estate whether presently, in the uture or conditionally so as to give rise to the equitable interest or estate referred to in London and South Western Railway Co v

His Lordship could deal with what was described as the conceptual objection more shortly

The objection, which aruse from Rose v Warson, was to the effect that because the leasehold interest contracted to be sold had no previous separate existence, for it was to be granted on completion of the contract, the purchaser never could have been the beneficial owner of such a term even when the contract became unconditional and therefore specifically enforceable.

Once it was established that the existence of the lien was not restricted to cases where the purchaser had been entitled to specific performance, the concept on which the objection was based disappeared too. What was important was that the purchaser should have had the right, whether present, future or conditional, to call for the legal estate. It would be merely because that legal estate did not exist but another out o which the vendor would grant it

Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: Davies Arnold Cooper: Jay Benning & Peltz, Marble

#### The district judge had held that that consideration weighed de-LIDEO ILIS

#### **European Law Report**

#### Judgment not recognised when defendants unaware of trial

Magenta Druck & Verlag GmbH Case C-78/95

Before J. C. Moitinho de Almeida. President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, P. Jann and M. Wathelet Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Oninion July 4)

[Judgment October 10] Where proceedings were initiated against a person without his knowledge and a lawyer appeared on his behalf but without his

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

Hendrikman and Another v authority, a judgment against him given in those proceedings could not be recognised in another member state.

It was for the court from which recognition was sought to as-certain whether such circum-

The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference by the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden (Supreme Court of The Netherlands) for a preliminary ruling under the Protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the Court of

Justice of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968, as amended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (OJ 1978 L304, p77).

A company whose seat was in Germany sought enforcement in The Netherlands of a judgment given by a German court against the defendants. Mr and Mrs Hendrikman, who resided at The Hague, and of an order for costs against them by another German

The defendants alleged that the German proceedings concerned an unpaid invoice for stationers which had been ordered on behalf of the defendants by two persons who had no authority to do so, and that those proceedings had been

> knowledge. They also alleged that those

German courts. instituted without their

same persons instructed lawyers in the name of the defendants, but again without their authority, to represent them in the proceedings, and contended that article 27(2) of

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enforcement in The Netherlands as the defendants had not been served with the documents instituting the proceedings and had not been validly represented before the

Convention, which provided that under no circumstances may a foreign judgment be reviewed as to its substance", precluded that court from judging whether the German courts were entitled to assume that the conduct of the proceedings by the lawyers in question amounted to valid representation, and that the defen-

as their case did not concern a iudement delivered against a

On the defendants appeal, the Hoge Raad referred the questions, inter alia, whether article 24 required the court of the state in which recognition was sought to refrain from inquiring whether the defendant to the proceedings in the state in which judgment was given was validly represented, even if the court of the state in which judgment was given had made no ruling in that regard, and whether article 27(2) was applicable where, although the defendant was not declared to be in default of appear ince, the document instituting the proceedings or an equivalent docu-ment was not duly served on or notified to him in sufficient time and he was not validly represented

Under article 27(2), a court from which recognition was saught could decline to recognise a judg-ment only if certain conditions were satisfied: the document instituting proceedings had not been duly served on or notified to the defendant in sufficient time, and he failed to appear in the proceed-ings conducted before the court first sersed.

ensure that a judgment was no recognised or enforced under the Convention if the defendant had not had an opportunity of defend-ing himself before the court first

The German Government submitted that the rights of the defence were observed even if a lawyer who was not authorised to because the court had to rely on what was stated by that lawyer until such time as he was shown to have no authority. That argument could not be accepted.

Where proceedings were initiated against a person without his knowledge and a lawyer appeared before the court first seised on his behalf but without his authority. such a person was quite powerless to defend himself.

That person must therefore be regarded as a defendant in default of appearance, within article 27(2). n if the proceedings before the court first seised became, in point of form, proceedings inter partes. It was for the court from whom recognition was sought to ascertain whether thuse exceptional circumstances existed.

That conclusion was not affected the fact that, under provisions the German Code of Civil Procedure, the defendants were entitled to apply, within one month of service of the judgment and order, for their annulment on the ground of lack of representat The proper time for a defendant

to have an opportunity to defend himself was the time at which the proceedings were commenced, and the possibility of having recourse. at a later stage, to a legal remedy against a judgment given in de-fault of appearance, which had already become enforceable, could not constitute an equally effective alternative to defending processings before judgment was given. In view of the reply to be given. accordingly, to that question, there was no need to answer the national

court's question on article 29. On those grounds the Court Article 27(2) of the Convention

applied to judgments given against a defendant who was not duly served with, or notified of, the document instituting proceedings in sufficient time and who was no validly represented during those proceedings, albeit the judgments given were not given in delault of appearance because someone purporting to represent the delendant appeared before the court

#### Council can end statement Education Act 1981 in respect of a those at college under the Further child who attained to and ceased to and Higher Education Act 1992

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Pill) so held on July 30 in dismissing an appeal by a parent against a decision of Mr Justice Brooke to grant judicial review of such a decision concerning her child on the ground that the council had

lettered its discretion. LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the policy had been a genuine policy applied long before the further education fund-

be registered at his existing school. and therefore the instant case from R v Dorset County Council. Ex parte G (The Times December 30, 1994; [1995] ELR 109).

There the stance of the local education authority had been and to be a sham as its policy had been to educate those with special educational needs in the school system until 18, but after the 🍎 introduction of the further education funding council it had made no further specific provision for a child and ceased to maintain his statement.

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A Dutch court gave leave for enforcement on the ground, inter alia, that article 29 of the Brussels dants could not rely on article 27(2)

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in the proceedings, Article 27 provides: "A judgment shall not be recognised: ... (2) where it was given in default of appearance, if the defendant was not duly served with the document which instituted the proceedings in sufficient time to enable him to arrange for his defence. In its judgment the Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice held:

The national court, in its question on article 27(2), which would be addressed first, inquired only about the second condition. According to settled case law, the purpose of farticle 27(2) was to

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FILM I

The magnificent Breaking the Waves shows the disintegration of a Hebridean life and marriage



FILM 2

. while Tin Cup finds Kevin Costner as the underdog come good in a pleasing comedy about golf



FILM 3

Powerful and uncompromising, Nothing Personal is set among the paramilitaries of 1975 Belfast



FILM 4

. . but the preposterous Dragonheart rehashes a string of mock-medieval clichés

CINEMA: Geoff Brown is stunned by a Hebridean melodrama and tees off with Costner

# Caught up in human wreckage

cy, distributors are opening II releases this week, which is several more than any sane critic can handie. But one film towers above them all. It looks different. It feels different. It grabs hold of the audience and sends us on an extraordinary journey of discovery. It is Breaking the Waves, the lifth feature of Lars von Trier, the Danish director who has previously seemed more interested in being clever than connecting with human beings. But from the first scenes where Bess, the Scottish innocent and prospective bride of an oil-rig worker. faces the frowns of her church. Trier puts people first.

The setting is a devout community in the Outer Hebrides, where the weather seems as domineering as the word of God. The visuals match the craggy landscape. The hand-held camera of Robby Müller lurches from face to face in long, sinuous takes. Aside from picture postcard shots interspersed between the film's seven numbered chapters, the images contain no throbbing colour: this is a film of dull flesh tones, of grey skies and Presbyterian black. The extreme lack of visual adornments magnifies the focus on Bess. her disapproved marriage to the worldly Jan (Stellan Skarsgard), and the extraordinary passions this provokes. Luckily, Trier's main actress, Emily Watson, never shrinks from close scrutiny: in her film debut she lays her soul bare before the camera,

In despair once Jan returns to his rig. Bess prays to God to send him home. God sends him back paralysed after an accident. Denied physical pleasures, Jan encourages his wife to have sex with strangers. The more she obeys, the more Jan is restored to health; but Jan's salvation is her own damnation, and she pays the price.

Here Trier wades into stormy waters. You don't need to be a card-carrying feminist to quake at the prospect of a simple girl dolling herself up in red PVC and fishnet stockings to do her master's bidding. Scruples have to be swallowed for the film to work its spell; and some may find this impossible. Those who succeed are rewarded with a melodrama of astonishing power; a film that holds you, sometimes painfully, in its grip for every one of 158 minutes, evoking the powers of belief, love and duty with the starkness of the best Scandinavian cinema. The script, incidentally, is published next week by Faber and Faber,

fter the rigours of Breaking the Waves. how about a game of golf? The man behind the golf club is Kevin Costner, though being a reckless Texan he also hits the ball with a rake, spade, shovel and baseball bat. Tin Cup is the movie and, despite a predictable finish, it shows a vast improvement on the last golfing comedy, Happy Gilmore. which never advanced much beyond balls landing on peo-

ple's heads. This is as expected, for the director and co-writer is Ron Shelton, a master of Americana with a special flair for the lingo and culture of sports. Golf gives him less to bite on



Getting the engaged signal: Emily Watson makes her film debut as Scottish innocent Bess heading for marriage and damnation, in Lars von Trier's Breaking the Waves

than baseball (in Bull Durham) or basketball (White Men Can't Jump), but he still finds room for the usual carnival of hustlers, low-lifes and preening professionals about to be savaged by

underdogs. The underdog is Costner's role, and he fills it with a relaxed assurance that is a nleasure to watch, especially after his cardboard turn as an Ancient Mariner in Waterworld. The romance with Rene Russo's city psychiatrist seems dragged in to widen the film's audience and spin out the plot: but the good-natured playing brings its own compensations.

For almost the last hour we follow the progress of the US Open, as Costner snaps at the heels of Don Johnson, the pro who just happens to be Russo's boyfriend. Many pro golfers appear as themselves. But the putting greens cannot compete for authentic atmosphere with the scenes captur-ing Costner's town of Salome, home to dust, armadillos, the Twenty Winks Motel, the Golden Tassel, and indolent men on a coffee-shop porch. As a comedy Tin Cup rarely becomes uproarious, but it is never less than pleasant.

The last film by Thaddeus O'Sullivan, a gifted cameraman turned promising director, was a dour rural drama swamped with rain and kelp

Breaking the Waves Lumiere, 18, 158 mins Stunning melodrama from

Lars von Trier Tin Cup Warner West End. 15, 135 mins Kevin Costner plays golf **Nothing Personal** Plaza, 15, 85 mins Searing Belfast drama

**Boston Kickout** Warner West End, 18, 105 mins Generation X hits Stevenage

ing Personal, far superior, could not be more different. It thrusts us into the streets of Belfast in 1975, where Catholics and Loyalists stage running battles, bullets rip kneecaps or worse, and fires

erupt into the night sky.
In place of characters weighed down with poesy, Nothing Personal gives us Ian Hart's Ginger, a Loyalist paramilitary who executes atrocities, then complains about the victim's blood spattering onto his blue suit. He is like a wild animal, and much of the drama in this powerful film stems from the Loyalists' attempt to cage him.

Poignancy comes from other threads in the script derived

Dragonheart Empire, PG, 103 mins Gobbledegook with a talking dragon

The Wind in the Willows Warner West End, PG, 88 mins

Terry Jones's hit-and-miss adaptation takes some liberties

Alaska Warner West End, PG, 109 mins Family adventure with an antique feel

from Daniel Mornin's novel All Our Fault, There is the fate of Liam (John Lynch), the peaceable Catholic caught in crossfire. There are the children roaming the streets. joining the warfare, sucked into their parents' quarrels ("Beats watching television all night," says Ruaidhri Conroy). No sides are taken; O'Sullivan's goal is to portray, without flinching, the dreadful consequences of violence and fanaticism in a divided com-

Shooting on location in Dublin, O'Sullivan and his cameraman Dick Pope create an authentic drab world of low-terraced housing, looming gasometers, and police heli-

Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest

Susan Wallace, 19: Yes, they have whiter-than-golfballwhite teeth. Yes, her legs are

longer than the entire course.

Yes, this does just about sum up the entire plot. A film about

risks which takes none, but

Elizabeth Kerr, 19: You don't

have to be a golfer to enjoy this

film. Kevin Costner plays a

believable character with the

Steve Victory, 22: Very aver-

age Costner flick - action and

adventure is sparse. Definitely

Tassos Stevens, 20: This is a

typical American movie: the

triumph of heart over head

and victory for the little guy. Surprisingly entertaining.

Susan: Brilliant casting. You

wouldn't find a rattier Rat or a

THE WIND IN THE

right balance of humour.

a rainy day film.

WILLOWS

some witty scenes early on.

☐ TIN CUP

copters whirling overhead. The actors play their part too. Michael Gambon redeems some recent bad performances as the Loyalist leader trying to go softly softly: Ian Hart and James Frain chill the bones as

trigger-happy fanatics. This is an uncompromising film, and it concentrates the mind. Kickout takes place in Stevenage, and the

local council wishes it did not. For time has moved on since the Hertfordshire new towns were blandly worshipped by newsreel cameras as the suburban dream come true. The Stevenage of Paul Hills's promising debut feature, shot in 1994, is a concrete wasteland where teenagers idle, and escape the blank future through drugs, drink, or a rampage through neighbours'

The script attempts to squeeze in too much drama as it follows the fortunes of four school leavers. One minute our hero Phil (John Simm) is urinating over bread at his bakery job; the next, we are faced with a parent's slashed wrists, a juvenile mental breakdown, or a dalliance with Phil's Irish cousin (Emer

A few snips with the editorial scissors would help to highlight the film's best quali-

molier Mole in any hedgerow. With dungeons, mincing machines and dark forests, you have all the ingredients of a good horror film. Some of those weasels might just be ready for a Tarantino role. Elizabeth: The cast was amazing and the acting superb. A children's classic well worth

seeing. Steve: The humour is sharp and absurd, the tone suitably jolly; what we've come to expect from the Python crew. Tassos: Terry Jones here has a gamut of ex-Pythons and big comedy Brits as ingredients but throws in as many (poor) special effects as he can afford, risible songs, and ends up with an inconsistent mush.

ties: a jaunty vein of black fields, steam trains and ani-

and an urge to reflect how young people in Britain actually live.

After 100 minutes in Stevenage, how about an injection of fantasy? The preposterous Dragonheart, directed by Rob Cohen, aims for an overdose, ransacking so many myths and movies to build its story about a medieval knight (Dennis Quaid) teaming up with a noble dragon to free the

comedy, fresh performances,

country from tyranny. If the plot prompts an enormous yawn, the specialeffects dragon is worth a look, especially as he speaks with Sean Connery's voice. Slovakia provided the picturesque locations: best not to inquire what country the film is supposed to be set in.

At least in The Wind in the Willows we know where we are: England. land of green

mals in pullovers. This is not Kenneth Grahame's book. Writer, director and Toad impersonator Terry Jones hauls heavy Pythonesque humour into play; while the dog-food factory finale bores through overkill, Jones's cohorts include Eric Idle (Rat), Steve Coogan (Mole) and Antony Sher (Chief Weasel), but the effect they make, like the film as a whole, is very

haphazard. For more straightforward family fare you could always brave Alaska, where two youngsters and a lolloping bear strive to locate their father's crashed plane and ward off attack from Charlton Heston. The scenery comes up trumps, but the script is dull, and the ponderous direction of Charlton's son Fraser enhances the feeling of an antique film, lost in time,

# Clean as a whistle

ny concert by David Murray feeds off the Aelement of surprise. Not all the surprises work, but his current UK/USA Big Band has more than its fair share. and when jazz whistler Joel Brandon produced a tour de force solo within bars of the start of the opening Bessie's Blues, it was clear that Murray's magic was at work.

Brandon trained as a flautist and had a successful hobby winning competitions throughout America imitating birdsong before he brought his two talents together. "He's been to parts of the South people still don't go to, just to win these competitions," says Murray. "He has to be the greatest whistler in jazz today." There can be few challengers for this position, but

JAZZ

David Murray Queen Elizabeth Hall

Brandon's range and intensity held their own against the formidable solos by members of Murray's American-based Octet, who had dropped into the big band line-up like seeds at Wimbledon.

For intensity, Brandon's main challenge came from Mancunian poet Lemn Sissay. who incanted his words over the full force of the big band with frenetic energy. In trumpeter Hugh Ragin's composition, Harmolodic Architecture, Sissay's verses were mirrored in sound pictures by the band, but the most effective poetry came in Fire People, Sissay contorting himself into a passionate frenzy as he squeezed out his words over Murray's composition Desecration Of Our Children.

Nurray's gifts as a teacher, organization composer and catateacher, organiser, lyst are still dwarfed by his own instrumental skills - his tenor sax and bass clarinet solos having a stamp of individuality that was matched by few of his band. He was effectively paced by David Jean-Baptiste in a sumptuous clarinet duet, and British trumpeter Byron Wallen also held his own.

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Murray's democratic principles gave plenty of space for his colleagues' compositions to be heard, but in these the less successful surprises came mainly from trombonist Craig Harris, whose unaccompa nied cadenza in the first half was as musically vapid as it was visually entertaining. Later he poured water on the stage while chanting the names of dead musicians in a misplaced display of self-indulgence in what was otherwise a successful example of collective collaboration.

ALYN SHIPTON





AND AT SELECTED CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

CHOICE 1

Walton's music is played by the **BBC Symphony** Orchestra VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall



**CHOICE 2** 

Neil Bartlett directs Shaw's Mrs Warren's

Profession VENUE: In preview at the Lyric, Hammersmith





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GROPING IN THE DARK. Second play by James Martin Chariton, author of the poetic and excellent Fel Souls A guy's struggle between quiet security and hedonistic riot, with characters named Saint. Sate, Sot and the like Werehouse, Dingwell Rd, East Croydon (D181-880 4060) Opens tongrit, Bpm Then Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, Bpm, Sun, Spm

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Ira Gershwin wrote the words. Among Weill's other lyricists are Ogden Nash, Maxwell Anderson and Alan Jay Lerner. In shows such as One Touch of Venus and Love Life they wrote verses that Hampson relishes. Weill's first completely American show, Johnny Johnson, is last. The hero surne has a haunting number, with Weill still in Berlin cabaret style. Elsewhere he tries to be the all-American boy and in Hampson he has just that sort planned disc.

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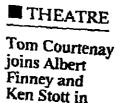
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# Bittersweet on the palette

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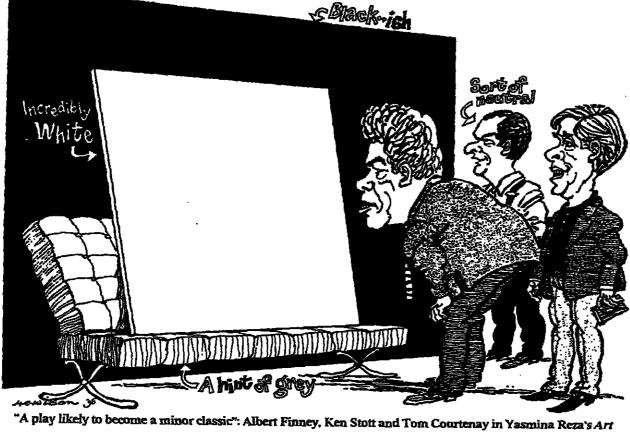
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Yasmina Reza's Ari has conquered much of Europe

since its opening in Paris, and will surely do the same to London, especially as Matthew Warchus, who directs, has assembled a topnotch cast. Tom Courtenay is Serge, the earnest dermatologist who has just spent 200,000 francs on a painting that makes late Rothko seem as busy as Breughel. Albert Finney is his best friend Marc a hearty, extrovert aeronautical engineer whose first reaction to this expensive acquisition is to cackle with unseemly mirth. Ken Stott is Yvan, something small in the stationery business and, it turns out, almost equally small in the hearts of his supposed chums.

The row that duly erupts between Serge and Marc, with Yvan laplessly half-agreeing with both from the sidelines. at first involves the painting itself. Serge believes he has invested wisely in an artist. one Antijos, who is admired in the best Paris galleries and even haigs in the Pompidou Centre. and by doing so he is "playingmy part in the funda-mental dynamic of evolution".



Marc thinks his friend worships novelty for its own sake and has squandered a small fortune on rubbish. The conflict seems to be between cultural pretension and philistinism, with thoughts about the art-trade, the subjectivity of taste, and other matters that regularly bubble up.

You might think, then, that Art blends one of Sacha Guitry's boulevard comedies with Timberlake Wertenbaker's attack on art-as-com-modity, Three Birds Alighting in a Field. In fact, it is just as much a mix of Harold Pinter and Jules Feiffer, whose plays and cartoons took such glee in the emotional knots of the over-sophisticated. The pic-

ture brings out tensions that are already festering in an old friendship. Try as Serge and Marc may to stop themselves, feelings of rejection and anger surface on both sides. Power, dominance and control are also much involved. So is resentment at the half-noticed, half-ignored changes that occur in all relationships, male as well as female. By the time Finney's raging Marc leaps for his throat, Courtenay's wintry Serge has managed to say unforgivable things about him, his wife, everything. A disagreement about art is in

danger of going nuclear. Before it reaches an ending that should satisfy those with a due regard for both friendship

and modern art, the play has deftly raised issue after issue. To what extent does caring for a person mean accepting his tastes? To what extent does a person actually consist of his opinions? To what extent should friendship mean evading, fibbing and/or trying to adjust one's own beliefs to someone else's? With Courtenay and Finney at their

sharpest, and Stott hilarious yet touching as a blundering piggy-in-the-middle, these aren't just abstract questions. They are central to a play that strikes me as likely to become

BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE** This review appeared in later editions of The Tunes yesterday

# Layers of language

FOR the past eight years Shobana Jeyasingh has been making beautiful and intelligent dances in a style that was born in the classical traditions of South India and matured under the influence of contemporary Western dance. But with her latest piece. Palimpsest, given its premiere at the Nottingham Playhouse on Tuesday night, Jeyasingh has left tradition behind, forging a dazzling and totally distinct movement language that obeys no one's rules but her own.

Like the first layer of a palimpsest, the old writing of Jeyasingh's Bharatha Natyam schooling is only just visible through the laybeen added to its roots. The strong, rhythmically em-phatic feet, the splayed fingers and the squatting diamond-shaped legs of Bharatha Natyam peek through the choreography only to be painted over with a much more sweeping dy-namic. The entire body is iberated, the focus moves from the extremities into the torso, enlarging the work's emotional heart and giving the ensemble an effusive

physicality. Like Graham Fitkin's commissioned score, the choreography suggests a va-riety of creative impulses all taking place at the same time. The varying strands meet feed off each other and then disappear as one idea sparks another in Jeyasingh's mesmerically constructed overlays. The six dancers huddle in whispered confidences, secure in their exclusively female universe. When they suddenly look over their shoulders, as if



The dazzling Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company

#### DANCE

Shobana Jeyasingh Nottingham Playhouse

aware that the outside world is eavesdropping, you get the feeling that they can sense the brushstroke of yet another layer about to be added to the parchment. Keith Khan's classy pastel set and costumes reinforce the ambiguity, suggesting that the manuscript isn't

finished yet. Palimpsest (which was presented with the support of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation) is part of a double bill. The other half is a revival of Romance . . . with Footnotes

Jeyasingh's most evocative works, a strange landscape of contrasts set to Glyn Perrin's score for bass clari-net and three cellos.

The footnotes are the principles of Bharatha Natyam which ground the choreography in academic form; the romance is the mystery and serenity which give the choreography its mood. There are snappy sentences of com-plex rhythms set against languid paragraphs that sail up and over the pulse like a melody, as Jeyasingh's lovely women, so pristine yet imaginatively daring, indulge their curiosity for adventurous movement. Jeyasingh has a wonderful eye for shapes, positioning dancers in exquisite sculptural formations. The gorgeous lighting is by Michael Hulls.

**DEBRA CRAINE** 

# Keep the mice on ice

ONE Of the 20th century's great myseries is how American citizens came to believe they were adequately represented by an impotent mouse for whom white gloves are a significant fashion statement. But there it is, and here he is, along with other creatures from the Disney menagerie. skimming across the ice in a mishmashbf a show produced by Kenneti Feld, who shares the blame or an increasingly tedious evning with Jerry Bulik, listd as Theatrical Director, Writer, Musical Director and Vice President (Cre-

ative Development).
When Donald Duck emerges from the far curtain and skates towards us. the sight of this eccentric bird in his trouserles naval cadet's uniform is undeniably endear-ing, but it's hen a matter of what you do with the creature over the next two hours. Mr Bulik does adhing more than get him to read Prince Charming's Hoclamation on

Walt Disney's World on Ice

Wembley Arena

the eve of the Ball. Mr and . Mrs Mouse are offered more testing roles, and a gruesome sight it is when Minnie, dressed as Cinderella in mauve, steps from her apology for a coach that looks like a hoop balanced on a squashed wedding cake.

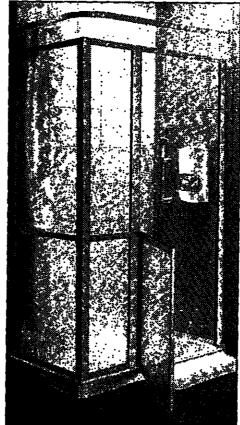
If I had been Mr Bulik I would have done wonders with the earlier transformation scene by having one Minnie, dressed in rags, skate off behind the curtain and another Minnie, glittering in diamonds, skate out from the other side. Instead, the scene just ends with Fairy Godmother saying Bibbety bobbety boo," and on come the dancing humans. It's a real let-down. In the first half the focus is upon the familiar cartoon

figures, Alice, Baloo, the Sor-cerer's Apprentice, and the scenes putting them through their tricks are not extended with needless dance routines. The broomsticks whirl round and round but that's their character, though no attempt is made to build excitement by reproducing their nightmarish increase in numbers.

After the interval the show drifts into an unfunny, unspectacular Wild West routine no different from the sort of stuff offered in any old ice Ryan McKinnon, dressed as Zorro, jumps over barrels with amazing grace, though I don't know what Zorro is doing with Disney. Most of the photographs in the £5 souvenir programme relate to a different show, as does the list of scenes. The sprightly Mowgli wears a flesh-coloured body stocking without nipples. Really

JEREMY KINGSTON

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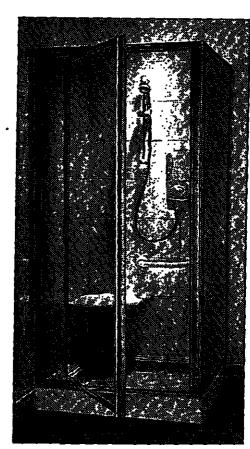
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# CONCERTS: Maxwell Davies and Berio set the standard

TWO London concerts on consecutive rights featured up-to-the-minut works by Luciano Berio and Peter Maxwell Davies, a rice treat when the label ontemporary music" can man anything written in the second half of this century Iven better, Maxwell Davies Sixth Symphony was receiving its fourth performance sinte its premiere as many nonths ago, another event wirth noting when new pieces can wait a

long time to be retrated.

But the stirring Sixth deserves this attention After this series of performances and a visit to the recording studio. all conducted by the composer, the Royal Phillarmonic Orchestra is truly "iside" the work: this was a performance that made every note in the 50-minute score count. The playing was fluid enough p reveal the distorted but ensuous lyricism, and tight in the violent percussion eriptions. Dark sonorities evote the pacious score there also room for dancing highspirits

and calm reflection. The poor audience timout was surprising, given the popularity of the "sweetners". Mendelssohn's overture alm

# Thrill of the newish

Sea and Prosperous Voyage and the Piano Concerto No 1 by Tchaikovsky. Both were distinctly underwhelming in performances that needed tighter control: Maxwell Davies's conducting lacked authority, although he was not helped by Barry Douglas's blustery approach to the

BACK from the Berio seventieth birthday festivities in Milan, the London Sinfonietta gave six UK premieres in the course of its Berio and his Contemporaries concert on the South Bank. The highlight was Berio's own Kol-od (Chemins VI), a reworking of his solo trumpet Sequenza X as a work for trumpet and cham-

ber orchestra. Brutal fanfares played (by Gabriele Cassone) against a mostly smooth accompaniment make up this exuberant,

colourful score, conducted with meticulous care by Markus Stenz.

In his unique set of virtuoso pieces for solo instruments. Berio has just reached Sequenza XIII for accordion; almost as new, Sequenza XII, for bassoon, reached us last week with Pascal Gallois as the player, and at nearly 30 minutes' duration it must be the longest in the series perhaps too long, in fact. It is nevertheless a remarkably concentrated score, with sustained notes slipping via wavering pitches into wild little dances.

Berio's stature was only underlined by the Franco Donatoni and Niccolò Castiglioni pieces played alongside. Donatoni's Flans may be a witty vocal setting and his Flag explores blocks of sound effectively, but neither speaks with much individual-

Castiglioni's Risognanze is a collection of 15 rather arid miniatures, making one all the more grateful for his Cantus Planus, mystical poems (sung by Sarah Leonard and Teresa Shaw) set to music of ravishing delicacy.

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East from Hadrian's Wall, Peter Stothard follows Rome's emperors on a journey to the frontiers of sanity

# An empire ringed with walls of fear

bears called Gold Dust and Innocence who lived outside the bedroom of a Roman emperor. They were extremely happy. especially Innocence, because anyone whom the Emperor Valentian suspected of plotting against him (and that was almost everyone) was thrown alive into their cage. But still they yearned for freedom and a normal family life. So finally their master, anxious that Innocence should have the chance to produce cubs as fierce as herself, took her off into the forest and let her go.

This charming story of life and death in the late 4th century AD comes down to us courtesy of Ammian, the last great ancient writer of history. It follows an equally striking passage about Valentian's Eastern emperor brother, Valens, which involves racks. whips, a magic metal plate, a tripod of twigs and several hundred torture victims who would have been infinitely more comfortable in the arms of Gold Dust and her friend.

Ammian, a Syrian Greek from Antioch, has been described as "the greatest literary genius between Tacitus and Dante". Gibbon relied on him. Modern writers of newspaper profiles owe a debt to his character sketches. But, except for a few bravura passages, he is not much read today.

Thus it is good to see the approval he gains in this new ook from a successor in Roman imperial studies. Derek Williams's title may not suggest a gripping entertain-ment: The History of the Roman Frontier threatens a plodding march of the mind around walls and encampments. But the author does more than show where Rome fortified its boundaries; his story is how the hubristic paranoia of emperors, from Augustus to Valentian, both created Rome's frontiers and opened them to decline and

The armed Roman frontier is most familiar to the British from Hadrian's Wall. It is a familiar concept, too, to those who have witnessed the divided Europe of the 20th century. Ammian, who lived in the East where Williams guides us along lesser-known de-fences, had no doubt that walls Williams puts it: "All the early

THE REACH OF ROME A History of the Roman Imperial Frontier 1st-5th Centuries AD

By Derek Williams

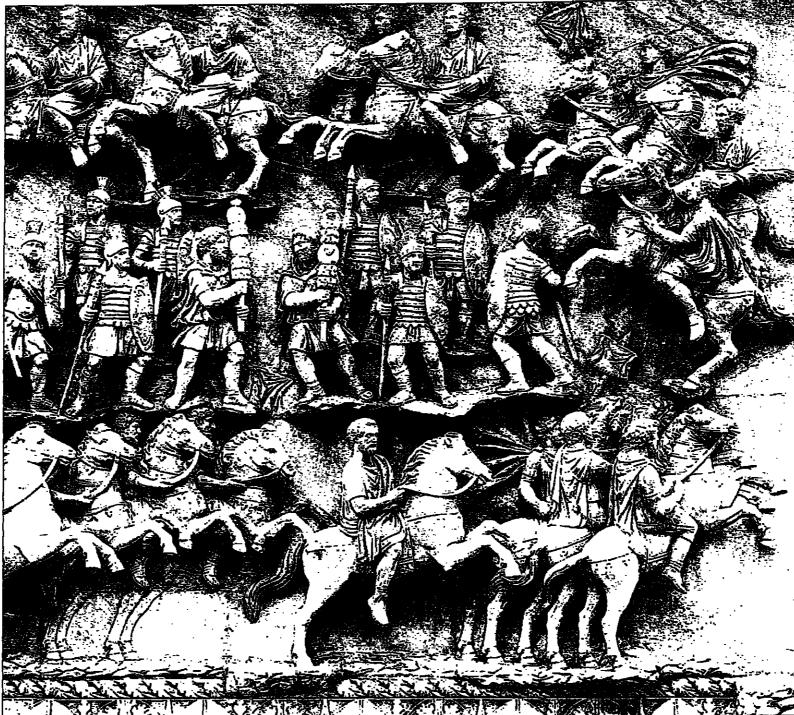
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were the best policy: Valentian's regrettable choice of bearfood was more than compensated for by his sagacity on the Western front, his recognition that "it was a greater service to keep the barbarians in check by frontier barriers than to defeat them in battle".

A fortified boundary had not always, however, been central to Rome's security. In the years when the city was fastest expanding its power, its most famous generals believed in mobile warfare, the ability to strike, like Julius Caesar in Gaul. with overwhelming force at the point where the enemy was least expecting. Aggressive, mobile attacking forces also provided defence in depth against a potential invader. A thin line of troops strung out along a frontier was, by contrast, only as strong as its weakest point. demanding huge expense in manpower and giving a poor return on the investment.

There were some advantages in a walled empire, of course. Individual cities did not need expensive fortifications as long as the frontier held. Every civilian citizen of Rome could confidently concentrate on business or pleasure without the bother of bearing arms. A wall could even reassure neighbours that Rome had no hostile intent beyond it: Williams gives a persuasive account of how Hadrian's Wall was built with imperious disregard of defensive requirements but spectacular potential for showing where Hadrian's British inter est ended.

But the most pervasive reason for promoting a policy of armed frontiers was none of these. Augustus never forgot that he had become the first Roman Emperor by force in a civil war. In order that he should not himself be toppled by a fellow general he wanted Rome's soldiers spread far



Column dedicated to Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), whose wall was north of Hadrian's (from Splendours of the Roman World, Thames & Hudson, £29.95)

and many of the late emperors would follow his lead, not in deference to Augustus's memory, but because they shared

uring that time the Empire would sometimes expand (as in the pointless invasion of Britain by the publicity-seeking emperor. Claudius) and sometimes contract (as in Hadrian's masterly abandonment of Mesopotamia and the northern Danube). But the fundamental principle remained: troop concentrations tended to be more dangerous to the leader of the Roman Empire than they were to his enemies. Even on the farthest borders, troops were best kept busy building walls for the glorification of the Emperor. A million manhours went into Hadrian's folly. Williams estimates.

By the time of Valentian and Valens the Roman frontiers were looking about as reliable

one could grasp the great strategic problem of the age. Ammian provides a vivid description of Valentian's death: the Emperor boils over with rage against German protesters who are complaining about a boundary construction; he is struck dumb, turns red, sweats, grinds his teeth and wholly fails to match the late-life peace of his favourite

thirsty brother, has a no less nasty end. In the end it was left to the conical-headed Hun to show up the Roman frontier for what it had become. The Hu drove on the Goths and in AD 410 the city which had captured the world was itself captured. Innocence's grandchildren had new masters to serve. The paranoid imperial classes had finally something to be properly paranoid about. None of them lived happily ever after.

killer bear. Valens, the blood-

The author is Editor of

# Rock-a-bye job

This is the long-prom-ised sequel to Sir Laurens's Night of the New Moon, which deals with his experiences as a prisoner of war in Java between 1942 and 1945. The Admiral's Baby is a

much more extensive memoir and is an account of Sir Laurens's work in a remarkable postwar operation, the Danon oi Java. 1945-16. Sir Laurens promised to write it while on board HMS Cumberland, anchored off Tandjong Priok, probably on September 19, 1945.

August 21, 1945, was one of those dates which is very special to the

people concerned. It is the starting point of this extraordinary story. In the morning Sir Laurens was the senior British Army officer in a PoW camp of 7.000 men, prisoners of the Japanese,

Bandoeng, in Java. In the afternoon, after a summons to ap-

pear in front of the local Japanese commanders, he was invited to assume virtual command of the Japanese forces in Java. He commenced his new career by issuing orders for the release of the British and Australian servicemen and for Japanese troops to protect the Dutch PoWs and civil internees from the Indonesian nationalists who had declared independence from The Netherlands four days previously.
It is unlikely that any

British Army officer has ever before had such an incredible change of status in a matter of hours. He immediately launched ish. Dutch and Indonesian.

**Eric Lomax** 

THE ADMIRAL'S BABY By Laurens van der Post John Murray. £19.99 ISBN 0719557429

million Indonesians.

British prisoners released in Java, 1945

Sir Laurens describes how

help slowly began to arrive.

Not until about September 12

did a heavy cruiser, HMS

Cumberland, slip into Tandjong Priok. Sir Wilfred

Patterson, the Admiral of the

title, was in command. The

British occupation of Java

had begun. Över two weeks

later the first British troops

arrived. The British forces

were eventually built up to a

strength of 92,000 men, an

murder of Europeans began

in Sourabaya: this soon

turned into real warfare,

with heavy casualties, Brit-

Meanwhile the systematic

astonishing figure.

their attempts at reimposing colonial status. And, as if all that was not énough, he struggled to protect the 70,000 Dutch PoWs and civil what was almost a one-man campaign to maintain as internees, who much peace as was possible. real trouble. His life during The Dutch had thought that his two years of office was a they were going to resume continuous sequence of travgovernment on the prewar el, not only within Java but basis. The Indonesians were as far afield as London and having none of it. This was The Hague. serious, for there were 55

This outstanding book is essentially a personal memoir, emotional and sometimes selfcongratulatory.

months of struggles as a

military-political officer, con-

tinually trying to bring to-

gether the opposing factions

and trying to get the Dutch traditionalists to scale down

rather than history. I am not sure whether to congratulate Sir Laurens on his devotion to duty or to sympathise with him. Who else would have stepped out of a PoW camp, where he had been organising the collection stones with

which to defend the inmates in the event of an attempted Japanese massacre, into a military and diplomatic appointment with the eyes of the world upon him? Who else would have toiled thus with not a day's leave and without seeing his mother or his family?

While many will disagree with the author's views on war crimes trials or his admiration for the top politicians of the postwar Labour Government, this book is a major contribution to our knowledge of a postwar episode, the British occupation of Java, about which so little has been published.

# Still but deadly waters

nguilla is the forlorn outpost of a worldweary civilisation. The last of the inhabited islands in the Leeward chain, it is a long, flat, featureless lump of scrubcovered coral. For tourists travelling in the Caribbean it is where the island-hopping stops. But few come there. The new hotels which straggle the beaches are still windowless concrete husks. And beyond, out in the sparkling waters of the Anegada Passage, the hammerhead sharks cruise. unseen and unsleeping.

in Tropical Darkness. his third novel. David McLaurin

Rachel Campbell-**Johnston** 

> TROPICAL DARKNESS By David McLaurin Duckworth, E14.99 ISBN 071562735 X

returns to the West Indies where he himself grew up. The island of Anguilla stands as a stark symbol of jaded nedonism. It is a refuge for disconsolate dreamers, a resort for futile hope. And if the island setting - isolating, as it does, a disparate gathering of people in artifical circumstances — is felt to be too convenient a fictional device, McLaurin is content at first to let the contrivances strain at the

Duxbury, a malignly ma-nipulative Prospero, commands centre stage. A lormer Oxford don with a chill intelligence, he is darkly handsome and unassailably detached. His elder daughter, Caroline, lives with him on the island. Plain, with unexpectedly short hair and a severe if not unpleasant, moon-shaped face, her sensitivity has been subjugated to practicalty and sound common sense. Her sister Artemis, in contrast, has-a rich golden beauty. But she is as slim and pale and lard as a marble statue, indifferent to the vagaries of publicopinion. to the platitudes or censorships of praise or blane.

The Duxbury family, together with a large ungainly Anglican canon — i refugee from women priest and a stoke - and Judy, the harddrinking owner of the local beach-bar, are the principal inhabitants of Angulla until a yacht weighs anchor in the bay. Charles, the laxadaisical scion of a wealth English family, and his parasitical friend Gianni, a sutry Italian

playboy, step ashor:. McLaurin casualy throws together the ingrelients of a romantic melodrana and idly stirs it. His skill lies in the wait. It is only gridually, as events slowly simner, that the deeper convictions and ideas which motivate hi: characters congeal. Almost inperceptibly the reader find; that, all shallow expectations overturned, the novel is confronting such primal concepts as the nature of goor and evil, as religion and faithlessness, as the ideals and tespairs, the desires and disilusionments which inform all human relationships.

Romantic convention has served all the while as bait for the sharks. The gleaming underbelly of an inescapable past glitters menactigly through the murk of each character's memory. The luture gazes at them with a black and pitiless

With sharp insight, Mc-Laurin slits the skin of expectation and lets the viscera of romance com: tumbling out Tropical Dar:ness is an everted love story which explores an implacable world where to live without live is the slowest form of suicide.

# as the Maginot Line. But no The Times.

biography appeared earlier this year I was inclined to reserve judgment, fearing mainly that the density of the writing would be a barrier. Now that it is possible to review the work in its entirety. my reservations are removed. This is an outstanding Life and a major contribution to

literary scholarship. Volume Two begins and ends in France. Ford arrived there in the summer of 1916 as a second lieutenant in the Welch Regiment, sailing up the Seine in a riverboat as far as Rouen - a fellow officer remembered him as "a big. florid, unhealthy-looking man of about 40".

Twenty-three years later, only months before the outbreak of the Second World War, he died in the Clinique St François at Deauville and was buried in the cemetery on the cliffs. He had spent his final years with the Polish-American painter Janice Biala. When she moved back to France in 1947, she was told that a drunken gravedigger had made a mistake, and that Ford had been buried in a plot of unhallowed ground.

Until recently that was also the fate of his literary reputation. Saunders acknowledges that this was partly Ford's own fault. His "messily publie" private life, his "freedom with fact", the unevenness of much of his writing were all factors. Even his appearance counted against him

He was not short of percentive admirers, however, even in his own day. Ezra Pound called him "the man who did the work for English writing". Much of that work was done in the two interwar decades which are the subject of this volume. Shell-shocked on the Somme, Ford fashioned out of his wartime experiences the four volumes which comprise FORD MADOX FORD A Dual Life Volume 11, The After-War World By Max Saunders OUP. £35 ISBN 0 19 212608 3

Parade's End, hailed by the American writer William Carlos Williams as "the English prose masterpiece of their time. Saunders subjects the tetralogy to exhaustive scrutiny and pronounces it (with Conrad's *Under Western Eves*) one of the best Russian novels in the English language". From 1923 onwards, the

French minister for ferrets". A casualty of a German shell 80 years ago, Ford subsequently, as Saunders puts it, became "a casualty of the academic guardianship of literature." This biography releases him from the casualty clearing stations in which he has been detained for so long and restores him to active The recently published book, OpJB, is an account of how lan Fleming and Christopher Creighton, the book's author, led an expedition that brought Martin Borman, Hitler's Secretary, to England at the war's end. The book has been the centre of sensctional controversy. Bormann, as the sole executor of Hitler's will, played an essential part in the disposal of Nazi assets in Swiss Banks. Bormann's authority to release such assets was the reason the Allies wanted him in England. This is a matter of supreme historical importance. In the interests of truth, a reward is hereby being made of

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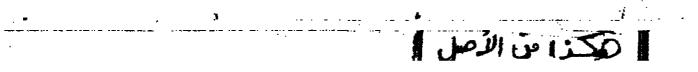
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### On active duty Ian McIntyre

'work" continued in Paris. "The Transatlantic Review stands up well as a discriminating cross-section of post-Modernism," writes Saunders, who has a nice line in resounding understate-ment. Under Ford's editorship it published, in whole or in part. Finnegans Wake, two of Pound's Cantos and some of Hemingway's best stories. Ford cast his net wide, and drew in not only writers, but also artists and composers.

As in Saunders's first vol ume, anyone feeling the need of a break should peruse the index. The entries about Ford himself are especially good:
"accused of being his own
grandfather": "challenges
Gide to a duel": "names potato plants after writers"; "asks



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Douglas Hurd admires the political career of a serene and straightforward Earl who renounced his title and became Prime Minister

# Steady hands to drive the coach of State

n May 1940 Lord Dunglass. MP, underwent a routine Army medical examination in Edinburgh. The resignation of Neville Chamberlain earlier in the month had deprived him of his job as parliamentary private secretary to the Prime Minister and he wanted to rejoin the Lanarkshire Yeomanry for active service. To his annoyance, the heard told him he was in poor shape and should go away and rest. Later in the summer tuberculosis of the spine was diagnosed, a tricky operation was performed and for nearly two years Sir Alec (as it seems sensible to call him) was encased in plaster and unable to leave his home.

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He used the time to read and think. It was the first of three setbacks, any one of which for a less persistent politician might have been conclusive. The second check came when he lost his scat at Lanark in 1945, the third when his father died in 1951, just after he had regained Lanark, and he perforce entered the House of Lords as the 14th Earl of Home. After any one of these setbacks Sir Alec might reasonably have abandoned politics for his family, for cricket and racing, for the admirable pleasures and duties which belonged to him in the Borders.

But each time he came back into politics and climbed a little higher up the spider's thread. Mr Thorpe's book traces the reason why. Sir Alec, by inheritance and education, found it natural to serve. It was his vocation.Moreover. he had a lively and penetrating interest in party politics. His diffident manner could be deceptive. If he spoke and behaved like an amateur it was because he had many interests outside the game. It did not mean that he was incapable of defending his wicker and notching up a decent

Politicians in recent times have been measured by how much they want to change, and how rough they are in imposing their views on others. Sir Alec would not do well by that test. Once only he rebelled against the orthodoxy of the time. when in early 1945 he helped to lead the Conservative revolt against the Yalta settlement of the Polish

His steady suspicion of Soviet good faith and intentions was a consistent thread throughout his

ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME By D. R. Thorpe Sinclair-Stevenson, £25

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later life. For the rest, politics for him meant the successful handling of problems as they arose rather controversial principles. This separated him from the next generation of politicians. For example, Jan Macleod and Sir Alec never saw eye to eye. Sir Alec regarded his two successors, Ted Heath and Margaret Thatcher, with affectionate bemusement as they attempted their cultural revolutions.

For Sir Alec the main objective of government was to keep the coach on the road. If that meant going a bit slow from time to time, or taking a detour to avoid an obstacle, so be it. The qualities needed of the coachman included serenity, realism and an ability to understand and help others. Macmillan manufactured a reputation as an unflap-pable Prime Minister, but his outward serenity concealed acute

ing the Cuban crisis. Sir Alec's serenity was the real thing.

He accepted reluctantly but with clear sight the realities of a changing world. His aim as Commonwealth Secretary and then twice as Foreign Secretary was to manage that change, so that it inflicted the smallest possible shock and damage on Britain. The transformation of southern Africa was one example: the change in the character of Anglo-American alliance another. From these vantage points of serenity and realism Sir Alec could hold out a hand to those with whose turmoil he sympathised.

Neville Chamberlain was glad to come to the Hirsel in October 1938 to shoot and recuperate. Later Sir Alec corresponded intimately at other times of crisis with Eden and Macmillan. Within his expressions of support were embedded hard nuggets of information. Eden was warned of the mounting anxiety in Cabinet about the Suez operation; Macmillan was advised not to continue into a 1963 or 1964 general election. Because these three Prime Ministers trusted Sir Alec they accepted from him advice as well as sympathy. There was no pomp or vanity

about Sir Alec. He had no need to assert his position. His traditional education enabled him to dispense with jargon and long argument. I knew him over 30 years, first when I was a very small official and last as one of his successors. He treated me exactly the same from first to last - at all times informal, straightforward and helpful.

Mr Thorpe writes a straightforward and much needed account of a straightforward man. At first I thought that he was including too much of the trivia of government



The Earl of Home, the then Commonwealth Relations Secretary (left), with Ted Heath, Minister for Labour. Downing Street (1960)

such as the text of resignation letters or the details of ministerial travel. But these are, after all, the daily diet of politics. To leave them out is to distort. In particular they have a place in the story of a man for whom the process of carrying on the Queen's Government was all

The centrepiece of the book is a full and convincing account of the events of October 1963 which

culminated in Sir Alec becoming Prime Minister. Points which had been obscure, at least to me, became clear - for example the effect of American antagonism to Quintin Hailsham. Thorpe concludes that Sir Alec won by keeping his options open and by not wanting the prize too much".

As it is well known, Harold Macmillan wrote to the Queen

findings about the succession. Thorpe quotes from a striking earlier draft, not sent to the Palace. and not released by the Public Records Office until last year. Here in the "Tuesday memorandum" the retiring Prime Minister ruminates on the fact that "it is thinking about themselves that is really the curse of the younger generation - they appear to have no other subject

Alec by contrast, wrote Macmillan, represented the old governing class. He was much liked by men such as Kennedy. Rusk and Gromyko because the class to which he belonged "think about the question under discussion and not about

The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, CH, CBE, MP, was Foreign



Journey from Buchenwald: boys liberated by Czech partisans at Theresienstadt, May 1945

# Victorious lives

Julia Neuberger is moved by the accounts of

Holocaust survivors who found refuge in Britain

ries, a group biography of 732 people, makes almost unbearably painful reading, while being impossible to put down. Martin Gilbert has acted as a conduit for the memories of people, w in their mid-sixties, who came to Britain in 1945 and shortly after, as young concentration camp survivors. They had, in many cases, seen their parents killed, been unable to say goodbye, and had witnessed the most inhuman acts on the part of their

persecutors. One tells of a baby tossed up in the air amidsi drunken laughter and caught in a huge pan again and again until he stopped crying. Another tells of the brutal murder, by local village Nazis, of the husband of a wonderful German woman who had sheltered him and another Jew. And still they survived, to become decent, "normal", adults.

Gilbert states his "personal reason for writing this book. It is 22 years since I first met Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a survivor of Auschwitz and one of those whose story is told in this book. Not only did he encourage me to devote time to

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recording the fate of the Jews during the Second World War. he also introduced me to the members of the '45 Aid Society, of which he was, and is, a part." Sadly. Hugo Gryn did not live to see this volume published. But his sense of urgency that these experiences should be recorded, and that gratitude should be expressed to those who helped, is amply fulfilled by Martin Gilbert's comprehensive work.

In the summer of 1945, Britain declared itself ready to take up to a thousand young survivors of the Holocaust. Only 732 could be found. They went to Northern Ireland, Scotland, Windermere and Southampton. They had health checks; most were suffering from something - dormant TB was commonplace, frostbite with oozing toe stumps was seen, scarring and deformities as the result of beatings and forced labour the

They were greeted with immense kindness and given sympathetic support before they gradually moved on to hostels. All spent months and years looking for relatives.

Only a few found them. After they separated, the need for social contact was paramount. So the Primrose

Club was born, in Belsize Park, London, and the survivors, and others who had reached England in other ways, met regularly. When Zigi Shipper, originally from Lodz by way of hellish experiences, came into the Club on its first evening, he recalled how "I felt I was at home again. I found my family and I

found the Boys — and after 50 years we are still together".

For this is ultimately a book about optimism. They survived. They made good. They were helped by the inspira-tional Leonard Montefiore, by Joan Stiebel, by prewar refugees from Nazi Germany, and by many others. They helped each other with their mutually supportive '45 Aid Society. But it is in recording their memo-ries for Martin Gilbert, thanks to Ben Heligott and Hugo Gryn, that their stories reach immortality, in memory of those they left behind, who perished. Through the pain of telling, 50 years on, comes an

indomitable spirit.

Leonard Montefiore argued that: "If we lavish care on a lew survivors, we are, at the same time, paying tribute to the dead." Indeed they were. and the Boys have paid their tribute by rebuilding shattered lives. The photographs of their reunions show a bond so strong it shines out of static serried rows. This is a book about coming out of hell, about great evil, about the triumph of the human spirit, and about great goodness on the part of those who helped. One is left with hope, and

# Breathing life into language Robert Nye

Tilliam Trevor is a poet of prose fictions. Each of his stories is poem, an experience captured in words and drawn out to just the length it requires to reveal its meaning. His is quite a scarce skill knowing exactly where to start, and when to stop. His stories have more shape than those of any other living practitioner of a difficult art.

The twelve new examples collected in After Rain show Trevor at the top of his form. Whether he is writing about a boy who believes he has been kissed by the ghost of a female saint, or the two rival wives of a blind piano tun-

er differently interpreting the colours of the world to him, or a pair of petty thieves plying their trade in the suburbs of Dublin, the manner of these stories is specific and shocking and matter-of-fact. The shock comes in the irony of the matter-of-factness. Trevor tells us the most disturbing things in the most unem-

we believe him for

as long as each narrative lasts. The occasional bizarre detail only adds verisimilitude. Trevor knows that a psychopathic killer living at home with his mother will eat Mr Kipling cakes and that a thug might quote Milton unwittingly when trying to score with a girl. At one point, in passing, he has mention of a man who claims to like the taste of paper. The man does not seem important to the story, and he is gone almost as soon as mentioned, but we remember him. Later, it might occur to us that this paper eater was important because the person who told us about him has turned out to be someone who reports on odd things noted in others as a way of deflecting attention from his own much

more sinister oddities. The method employed is as recommended in Robert Graves's poem The Devil's Advice to Story-Tellers: "Nice contradiction between fact and fact/ Will make the whole read human and exact." It is that kind of realism which makes this world so lively. That world is often Irish.

and Trevor has claims to be

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AFTER RAIN

land at work in fiction today. Not for him the kind of overwriting which some would think inevitable in this context. It is just that he sets down about his native land a number of things which seem true to life, as well as strange to a foreigner.
Widows, in which a woman

pays money to a crooked

rator to prevent the memory of her dead husband being tarnished the trades man's claim that a bill was not met, is a key story here. Seldom can the complexities small-town Irish life have been so ruthlessly unravelled. Lost Ground tells much about the troubles of the North by recounting different sectarian reactions to

painter and deco-

Trevor: prose poet

a Protestant boy's vision of a saint. Generally, the more Trevor is involved in his subjects, the better he writes. He writes of ordinary people pitched momentarily into extraordinary situations, and learning something about themselves and their society as a result. He can be amusing about Ireland, too. In The Potato Dealer two men draw up their vehicles alongside each other on the public highway to do business, ignoring the hooting of horns: They were of the neighbourhood, local people, the road was more theirs than strangers'."

Trevor has a fine ear for dialogue and something of a poet's feel for language. Which brings me back to my basic point. This writer is in his stories like a poet taking a deep breath and expanding upon the kind of people and events crystallised (say) in a few stanzas by Philip Larkin. More than one of these stories made me think of Larkin's poem The Whitsun Weddings, which also ends on just that note of ambiguous affirmation which Trevor favours as a way of ending

# **Unsound remainders**

hand and antiquarian bookshops have been in retreat. been conducted at fairs, by post, and now via electronic cataloguing and booksearches. Many small shops have closed or become outlets for the sorry booming trade in remainders.

Fairs are certainly flourishing. Coming up in London are the Chelsea fair, November 8-9, and an international fair of artists' books, at the Barbican, November 15-17, Yet the pendulum may be swinging back. The Anti-

quarian Book Arcade at 37 Great Russell Street is a year old. Run by Bohemian Bookworm, it acts as a display case for 50 or so dealers. Several dealers also show fine books in the basement of Jack Duncan Cartoons at 44 Museum Street.

A further sign of confidence in the traditional bookshop is the move of two prominent booksellers into pricey Mayfair premises. Si-mon Finch has bought a



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whole building in Maddox Street. For the first time this will give him a shop-window, and he says he hopes people will be more likely to call in: but not too many people.

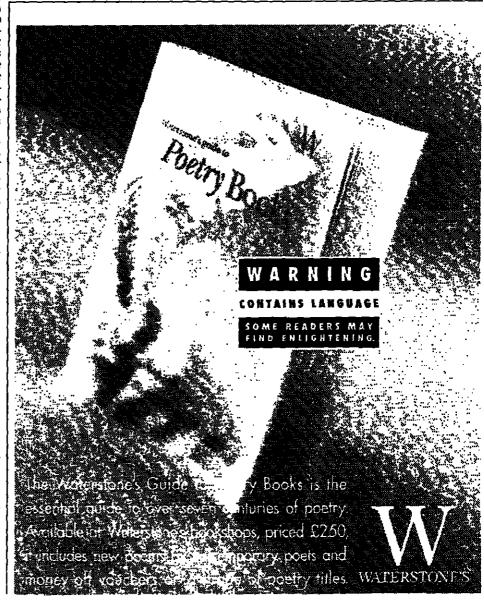
Bernard J. Shapero has

moved from Holland Park to 32 St George Street, Special ising in "literary" leatherbindings, travel and plate books, Shapero will presumably need to move into the same league as the longestablished Maggs and Sotheran's. His most recent catalogue offered John Gould's own copy of his "Toucans" with nine plates by Edward Lear (large folio. 1834, £55,000).

by's will be selling an atlas compiled by the cartographer who coined the word Gerardus Mercator (1512-94). and the British Rail Pension Fund is looking for more than £1 million. The atlas includes the only two known manuscript maps by Mercafor and the only surviving copy of his 1554 wall-map of Europe, as well as two sections of the 1569 world map which was the first to use Mercator's projection. Did Sotheby's really need to give the story "spin" by claiming that "without Mercator's invention there would be no space travel?

SURPRISING that Sheridan's set of Fielding has sat out the summer in Charing Cross Road: an interesting association. But while Sheridan was sound on the Impeachment of Warren Hasfings, he thought the French Revolution a good idea. Obviously not entirely sound.

JIM McCue



HOTELS

A 50 PER cent reduction in the published room rate over Christmas is on offer from the May Fair Inter-Continental Hotel in central London. The rate from December 16 to January 12 is £135 a room a night including breakfast and VAT. Details: 0171-629 7777.

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THE Palace Hotel in Buxton, Derbyshire, has an autumn break package of £78 a person for two nights based on double occupancy, includ-ing dinner, bed and breakfast. The offer is available until November 30. Details: 01298

THE White Hart Hotel, a loth-century coach inn at Braintree in Essex, has a special pre-Christmas rate from November 28 until December 24 of E45 double and £36 single instead of the usual rates of £71 and £59.50 respectively. The only requirement is restaurant. Details: 01376

THE Hyatt La Manga Club resort in Spain has a special room rate available until the end of the year, excluding Christmas and the new year. of 20,500 pesetas (about £100) a night for double occupancy instead of the usual rate of 31,500 pesetas. The offer is based on a minimum of two nights, Details: 0345 581666.

A HALLOWEEN break at Westover Hall in the New Forest costs £60 a person a night, including dinner when booked through Crystal Britain. The local ghost is reputed to be the nanny of the original owner, the German industrialist Alex Siemens. Details: 0181-390 8513.

■ THE three-day Christmas Special at Dukes Hotel in St James's Place, central London, includes Boxing Day transport to Kempton Park for the racing, as well as lunch and a gala dinner. Price is £550 a person for three nights. Details: 0171-491 4840.

■ GUESTS and day visitors to the 18 Novotel hotels in the UK will be find apples in their rooms on October 21 to celebrate National Apple Day organised by Common Ground, the environmental charity. Details: 0181-2377474.

■ WINTER break rates at Jersey's Atlantic Hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World Consortium, fall from £75 a person a night based on double occupancy to £65 a night from October 28 until December 19. Details: 01534 44101.

■ THE Grosvenor House hotel in London has pre-Christmas offers from December 3-15 at £170 a night based on double occupancy but not including breakfast. A brochure detailing other Christmas deals, including lunch discounts in the hotel restaurants is also available. Details:

■ THE JOCKEY Peter Scudamore will be the guest speaker at the Hilton National in Newbury on November 29 for a Hennessy Gold Cup dinner. This is part of a twonight racing weekend package costing £226 a person. Details: 0345 581595.



Andalusia highlight: the town of Ronda that provided the setting for Ernest Hemingway's For Whom the Bell Tolls

SEA FRANCE is selling a package of three day-returns on its Dover-Calais route valid for travel in October, November and December. The price is £23 for all three trips for a car plus four people. Two trips cost El6; otherwise day-trips cost £9 a time - with free

sing, Details: 0990 711711. ■ BRITTANY FERRIES offers a mini-cruise to Santander in northern Spain from Portsmouth or Plymouth for £49 a person, to include a cabin berth and afternoon in Santander. Details: 0990 360360.

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IRISH FERRIES has introduced a winter fare from £105 for a car and up to five adults on its Pembroke-Rosslare route. The 48-hour return is

valid until December 17. The same ticket on Holyhead-Dublin costs from £119. De-

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■ P&O EUROPEAN Ferries has motoring holidays in Ireland available from £59 a person to include two nights B&B, based on four sharing a car. The company operates between Cairnryan and Larne in Northern Ireland. Details:

STENA Line Holidays is selling three nights for the price of two at Disneyland Paris for the Christmas season. Based on two adults and two children sharing a room at Hotel Cheyenne, prices are E146 each for adults and E39 a child to include crossing and entry. Details: 0990 747474.

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■ POSTA Vecchia. John Paul Getty's former home north of Rome, now a Relais & Chateaux hotel, is included in four-day winter breaks on offer from CV Travel. Prices for two nights half-board at the hotel, a further night in a Rome hotel and return scheduled flights start at £680 a person. Details: 0171-589 0132.

A WEEK's self-catering on the Greek island of Thassos or on Spain's Costa Dorada for £99, both with flights from Gatwick next Tuesday, are among late offers from Cosmos. Details: 0161-480 5799.

■ GET-FIT-to-ski cycling breaks, exercising the muscles used on the slopes, are available, from £125 a person, from Cotswold Cycling Company on three weekends between now and Christmas. Accommodation is at Cheltenham's Hallery House hotel. Details: 01242 250642

■ PRE-CHRISTMAS skiing for half the high-season price is available from Meriski. The week from December 13. in luxury chalets, costs from £399 a person. Four-course dinners with receptions beforehand and a minibus shuttle to the slopes are included. Details: 01451 844788.

■ TURKEY and tinsel breaks in Jersey in November are on

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offer from Modern Hotels for those who want to celebrate Christmas early. The price for four nights half-board accommodation, including entertainment and return Condor crossing from Weymouth, is £109 a person. Details: 01534

GOLFERS can enjoy up to five rounds and two nights' bed and breakfast buffet at Hotel du Parc, northern France, with French Golf Holidays for £127 a person midweek (E10 more at weekends). including return SeaCat travel. Details: 01277 374374.

**■** EXPLORE Jordan for a week with Bales Tours for £575, with a flight from Heathrow on November 18, or for £499 leaving on December 2. The price includes bed and breakfast accommodation and sightseeing, including Petra and the Dead Sea, Details: 01306 876881.

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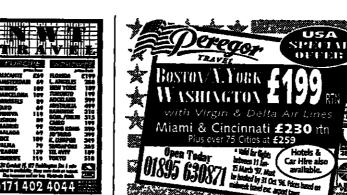
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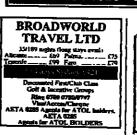


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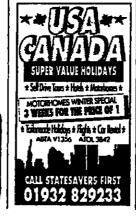
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nce the half-term surge is over, the travel industry will head into the winter doldrums.

in resorts around the Mediterranean, the sun-shades are being stored away, beach bars are being dismantled, hotels closed for refurbishment and aircraft flown off to operate in parts of the world where summer is just around the

But as the travel industry counts its profits, now is the time for canny folk with time to spare to take advantage of low prices and to grab a short break before the run up to

Some may want to catch the sun before winter turns the healthiest skin pale, others may prefer to stay nearer home to enjoy the lingering autumn colours.

Here are a few suggestions from my own favourites: ☐ Duhai: The industry's bestloved "secret" destination.
Thomson is offering three nights in the five-star Jumeira Beach for £675 from November.

Cyprus: An excellent time of year to visit the island, which can be brash and crowded at the height of the season. A week's holiday with flights and bed and breakfast accommodation at the Cypria Maris hotel is available through Sunvil for E450.

☐ Washington: As the "fall" moves south, Virginia becomes spectacular. Virgin Holidays is offering return flights, with car hire included. for £329 a person. Accom-modation in the United States is high quality but cheap.



Travel Business HARVEY

☐ Nice: At this time of the year, Finding hotel accommodation near enough to walk to the seafront, is easy. Getting there now costs £149, with a British Airways World Offer, compared with the usual £220 return fare. With EasyJet, it costs £98 return, but flights are from Luton.

St Malo: Overnight on Brittany Ferries from Portsmouth then drive to Bayeux and spend two nights at the Chateau de Sully, which now has a Michelin star. Return on the day service from nearby Caen. Price for two people and car. inclusive of cabin on the outward ferry, and dinner bed and breakfast at the château,

☐ St Ives: Anyone over 50 with an interest in music can have a four-night break with Saga at the Carbis Bay Hotel from November 4 for £169, not including travel. It includes lectures on the lives of the great composers plus music

appreciation.

O Scotland: The Deeside Hotel at Ballater, near Balmoral. features three nights' accommodation with dinner, bed and breakfast for £95. Autumn Gold, the Scottish Tourist Board brochure, has a wide range of travel offers, including two for one return flights and rail services.

☐ The Cotswolds: Four people can share the Old Dairy Cottage at Broadway for three days for a total of El65 with Country Holidays.

Me? I'm spending three nights at a country cottage near Bridport in Dorset. And despite my moans about Sorento last week. I would still go

# Family's timeshare victory

A FAMILY from Manchester has won back the money paid for a timeshare that failed to live up to its promises in an out-of-court settlement that could bring hope to many.

Stuart and Anne McBurnie agreed to buy a timeshare apartment in the Algarye for an off-peak week every year on the understanding that they could take their two small children to other properties in school holidays for a small extra charge. When they recrived the contract, however, they were horrified to read that holidays could not be taken in peak periods.

The McBurnies should have been protected by the Timeshare Act, which provides for a 14-day cooling-off period to allow purchasers to change their minds but the company offering the deal failed to send the details until three weeks after the initial agreement was made.

We made dozens of phone calls but our complaints were fobbed off," says Stuart McBurnie. In desperation he turned to a local company that specialises in challenging du-bious contracts and last week it succeeded in securing an agreement involving the refund of the £4,700 spent on the timeshare plus the cost of disputing the deal.

"It is a great relief to have won the case but it should be a warning to other timeshare clients," he says. "I made all the classic mistakes. I went along to the Holiday Exchange International presentation only because a free holiday was on offer but I got hooked on the idea.

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A SECRET kingdom in a

remote corner of England will be revealed next week when a

long-term campaign is started to make north Northumber-

land as popular with tourists

as the Lake District and the

Leaders of the local holiday

industry, eager to cash in on

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which has fine beaches, the

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ioined forces to create a partnership as part of one of

the biggest tourism initiatives

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The organisation -- which

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elopment Commission - has

the blessing of the Northum-

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used to promote the area,

together with County Dur-

ham, Tyneside and Wearside.

director of Marketing Partner-ship 2000, says: We have

decided that it is time to give

the region its own identity. We

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BY TONY DAWE

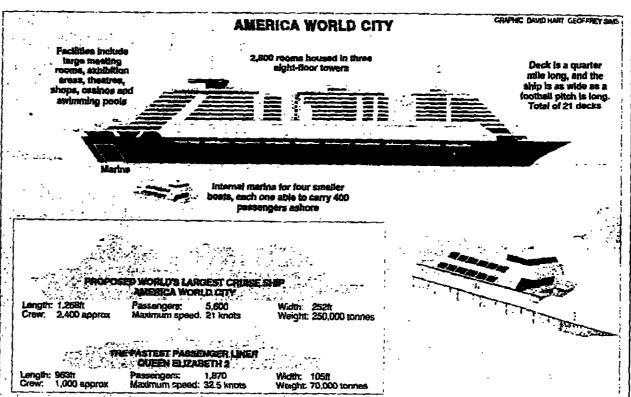
sell me an apartment for a peak period that I could not afford but I was persuaded to buy a cheaper one on the understanding that we would have easy access to other properties whenever we liked. The offer was made verbally. which proved useless when the contract finally arrived."

The McBurnies had entered into a finance agreement to pay for the timeshare and it was by pursuing the finance house, claiming misrepresen-tation of the terms of the contract and citing the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act, that they won the case.

lan Wallwork, marketing director of Contract Consulting, which took up the case, says: "Thousands of families were attracted to timeshares because of the promise of cheap holidays in resorts around the world. Unfortunately, the 'go where you want, when you want' sales patter often turns out to be

"But as Mr and Mrs McBurnie's case clearly demonstrates, if the contract is misrepresented there is a very good chance that families can get their money back." The Timeshare Council, the

trade association, says that Holiday Exchange offered to upgrade the McBurnies to a busier time of year without charge after receiving their complaint. A spokeswoman adds that the council receives about 30 complaints a week but most of them concern agreements signed by British holidaymakers in the Canaries and Balearies where a legal cooling-off period does not yet



# World's largest floating city to navigate buoyant cruise market

THE world's biggest cruise ship — more than twice the size of the current largest liner and more than three times the size of the QE2 - is due to be launched before the end of the decade by the US-based Westin Hotels Company.

The Westin ship, at 250,000 tonnes and carrying 8,000 passengers and crew, will take over the mantle of the world's largest liner from the 101,000-tonne Carnival Destiny which is being launched next week in Venice by Carnival Cruise Lines. Carnival is the biggest cruise company in the world and also owns a 29 per cent stake in UK tour operator, Airtours.

Carnival's ship will carry more than 3,350 passengers and replaces P&O's 77,000-tonne Sun Princess as the world's biggest cruise ship. Cunard's QE2 is just over 70,000 tonnes. The Carnival Destiny will also be bigger than the two 85,000-tonne liners Disney is due to launch in 1998 for cruises around the Caribbean from Florida. But it is Westin's giant ship, named

America World City, that has stunned the cruise world. "The ship will be a floating city on the sea," says Juergen

Bartels, chief executive officer of Westin. We are very excited to enter the cruise ship business in such a historic manner." Not everyone, however, believes that such a massive ship can pay off. "Our research has shown that the economies of scale and logistics of operating a large cruise ship suggest that about 110,000 tonnes is the maximum size to operate efficiently," says Michael Muller, managing director of Carnival Cruise Lines.

The America World City, which will cost £800 million, will house its capacity of 5,600 passengers in 2,800 cabins. These will be located in three eight-floor towers built on a deck a quarter of a mile long and as wide as the length of a football field. There will be 21 decks in total and

the ship will also have a crew of 2,400. A special feature of the vessel will be an internal marina in the hull. The marina will house four small boats, each able to carry 400 passengers ashore at destinations where the mother ship is too big to dock. Other facilities on the ship will include large meetings and exhibition space, theatres, shops, casinos and swim-

The ship, which is due to go into service in 1999, will be the first major passenger vessel to be built in the United States for almost 50 years, and parts of it will be built in several American locations before final assembly. It will cruise the east coast of America and the Guif of Mexico. Three more similar size ships The trend towards large ship construc-

tion reflects both the buoyancy of the cruise industry - passenger numbers are expected to be about 20 per cent ahead this year — and the demand for more on board facilities.

'We have to market ourselves more as floating resort hotels now," Mr Muller

Carnival Cruise Lines has added onboard features such as a 200ft water chute for children, as well as the traditional pool, to cater for families.

The demand for cruise holidays has been fuelled by young families who are choosing them for their holidays and by the move by both Thornson Holidays and Airtours to launch low-price cruise holidays using their own ships.

#### Caribbean island promotes volcano

BY TONY DAWE

TOURISM chiefs on the Caribbean island of Montserrat have decided to promote the active volcano, which has been threatening to engulf much of the British colony, as a tourist attraction rather than a

They claim that the 3,000ft high Chances Peak is the only active British volcano and is a spectacular sight, especially on clear evenings.

"Where else on earth can you see such a natural phenumenon?" asks Gloria Boekbinder Mulder, of the newly formed Montserrat Initiative Group. "Visitors are fascinated when they see the volcano. and helicopter trips around its dome are proving very popular for those who wish for a closer view."

This enthusiasm echoes the mood of tourist officials in leeland who report a surge of interest in the country because of the volcanic eruptions beneath Vatnajokull glacier but it contrasts dramatically with the reaction on Montserrat when the volcano first erupted in July last year after lying dormant for 400 years.

More than half the island s 11,800 population was evacuated to northern districts from Plymouth, the capital, and southern areas close to the erupting volcano. Hundreds of residents fled the island altogether and the Royal Navy destroyer Southampton stood by, ready for a mass evacuation if the volcano erupted

Some southern residents have begun to return to their homes but Mrs Mulder admits that disruption to daily life continues, although the main offices and stores are functioning.

The tourism group claims that many of the island's attractions, including its famous black sand beach and much of the wildlife, have not been affected by the clouds of volcano. The Sea Wolf diving school is continuing to operate, arranging shallow and deep dives to see the coral and

tropical fish.
The slogan of the Montser-rat Tourist Board is The Caribbean as it used to be and that is still true," says Mrs higher than three storeys, no crime problem, not a single traffic light and we do not even have a McDonald's."

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Most hotels, villas and apartments are open and tour operators are continuing to offer holidays to the island. Jane Roche, the marketing manager of Simply Caribbean, says: "We are still selling villa holidays on the island and accommodation at the well-known Vue Pointe bungalow hotel but we are constantly monitoring the situation."

#### tempt tourists By Harvey Elliott UKRAINE - Europe's big- in 1991 but is behind other gest country - is shaking off former Soviet Union countries its post-independence torpor in reorganising its economy. and making a determined effort to eatch up with other But now Ukraine ministers have recognised the imporformer Soviet states in the race tance of tourism and are for economic prosperity. More than 50 British busidetermined to make Kiev as attractive as possible to Westnesses are now active in the ern visitors. country, which is bigger than Opponents claim that the France and has a population expenditure on restoring old similar to the UK's. buildings would be enough to Most visitors are West raise 600,000 pensioners up to European businessmen but Ukrainian Government officithe official poverty level. The average salary of a teacher in Ukraine is £37.50 a als are convinced that the

Ukraine plans to

country could soon become a major tourist attraction. The Government is spending £53 million on renovating and restoring some of the magnificent buildings, churches and monuments in

the capital Kiev which were allowed to fall into disrepair and decay under communist rule and is seeking international investment to help to build new hotels for a meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in May 1998. The hotels will, it is hoped, also provide sufficient rooms

to accommodate the large numbers of potential tourists keen to visit such sites as the Great Gate of Kiev, St Sofia's cathedral and the mummified monks of Lavra.

Ukraine gained independence from the Soviet Union

month. Yet a room in the stateowned Dnipr Hotel costs a minimum of £72 a night. But there is a friendly

acceptance of the growing number of Western businessmen who use the increasing number of high-class restaurants and shops which are as expensive as those in London. The state-owned Ukraine International Airlines is deter-

mined to distance itself from airlines of the former Soviet empire which have a worrying reputation for poor safety standards in the West.

Both Ukraine International and British Airways, which recently began flying to Kiev from Gatwick, expect to make handsome profits on the route with return fares which range from £1,182 for a round trip business class to E335 for an

#### IN THE TIMES ON SATURDAY

Travel the world again in Weekend

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# France's big phone switch

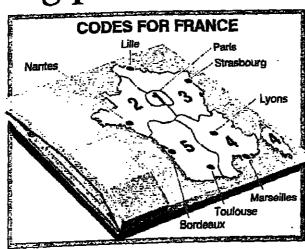
BY STEVE KEENAN

VISITORS to France will find every telephone number in the country, outside Paris, has

changed this weekend. More than 26 million numbers will have an extra digit added to the existing eight in the big switch, which will happen at 10 pm GMT tomorrow. But unlike a similar exercise in the UK, where "parallel running" enabled callers using the old number to get through for a limited period, this will not happen. The new numbering plan

will provide a "vast reserve" of numbers for several decades Most callers from the UK who forget to add an extra digit will hear a recorded

message referring them to a BT or Mercury operator. France Telecom has sent 000 letters to businesses exporting to France, to French residents in the UK and to members of the French Chamber of Commerce. But tourists calling for information are bound to face a period of



confusion when they find that the number 0 has been added to all numbers on domestic

Callers from the UK will find no change to the six million Paris numbers that already have the digit I in front of the normal eight digits. International dialling codes for Paris remain 00 33 (1). followed by the eight digits.

The remainder of France has been split into four re-

gions, each with its own code. In general, the figure 2 will precede calls to the Brittany. Normandy and Loire Valley areas: 3 to the northeast regions of Pas de Calais, Picardy, Alsace Lorraine, Champagne and Burgundy: 4 to Auvergne. Languedoc, Rhone-Alpes, Provence, Côte d'Azur and 5 to the southwest regions of Midi-Pyrénées. Aq-

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## **New Year** trip of a lifetime

White cattle at Chillingham Castle, where the Secret Kingdom campaign will be launched

guide to make exploring the

a country café and store, has

been joined in the partnership

by 150 organisations with

tourism interests, including

hotels, guest houses, muse-

ums and caravan and camp

Like all modern campaigns,

The Secret Kingdom will have

its own logo based on "a visual

egion more fun." Mr Forrester, who also runs

**HUNDREDS** of passengers are already booked to spend New Year's Eve 1999 celebrating in style in exotic destina-tions with Cunard Millennium cruises.

The most popular ship, says the company, is the QE2, which has already taken bookings from more than 100 passengers who plan to see in the year 2000 relaxing in luxury off the coast of

Barbados. And four other ships in the Cunard fleet which will be at sea as the next millennium begins are rapidly filling up. They will be making voyages to Acapulco, the Holy Land, Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands, and the Philippines:

The company is now accepting bookings with a £750 deposit for the cruises. described in a brochure called "It Only Happens Once Every Thousand Years".

## **Awards** hit the right note

interpretation" of the castle on

Holy Island, it will be un-

veiled on Tuesday at the

launch, which is being held at

Chillingham Castle, the home

of the distinctive white cattle

Last year, Northumbria as a

whole attracted more than

three million visitors, about

half the number who went to

the Lake District and the

of the same name.

Yorkshire Dales.

EMPLOYEES of Britain's buoyant travel industry recreated the last night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall this week before the presentation of 22 TTG-American Express travel awards, writes Harvey Elliott.

More than 400 travel agents were invited to the ceremony by Kuoni as a "reward" for selling their holidays.

The winners were picked by readers of Travel Trade Gazette, the industry newspaper. British Airways, British Midland and Virgin each won a category in the business section with Britannia named as the top charter airline.

Other winners included Kuoni, Butlin's, Cresta, First Choice, Inghams, Unijet, P&O Cruises and Stena Line. Thomson was named both the top major tour operator and the best short-haul operator. The travel writer of the year is the freelance Stanley Stewart.





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# Can we really afford to eat cheap junk food?

e live in an age of anxiety. We wor-ry obsessively about the food we eat and our fears are fanned by a new scare almost every week. At the same time we never been more aspirational.

We are consumed with a passion for the exotic for experimentation and novelty. If it's new we want it, and we

You mean you don't have ostrich steaks? What kind of a place are you running? Where is the polenta, the saffron potatoes, the balsamic vinegar and the discreet dribble of truffle oil on the girolles? Bring out the lemon grass and lime leaf: bring on the seared tuna sashimi: astonish us with your basil-scented beurre blanc, your black bean salsa, your minted couscous and a taste of Pagnol tapenade.

Supermarkets are experts at detecting the slightest frisson on the gastronomic seismograph and search the world for tempting new tastes. They have skilfully laid their lines of supply on a global scale so that almost everything can now be had all year round.

These days, food has little to do with hunger, more to do with lifestyle. It was defined for me a few years ago in the Napa valley when I was on a tour around the latest fashionable boutique winery. "My husband," said our guide, "is into gerr-MAY. He's seriously

People are seriously into food and

the way it is produced these days

organic." She conjured up visions of a connoisseur nding quality time at the stove. I suspect, now that food and wine have been turned into a hobby. we're all into gourmet. Chefs on television, dazzle us with their skill

game shows, food COOPER ries. Everybody has a cellar these days, even if it is only the cupboard under the stairs. Our larders overflow with gournnet products. Food and created a new kind of shopper wine sections dominate the one who scrutinises labels weekend supplements and elbow pursuits such as DIY off and walks warily down the the bookshelves. Gourmet has never had a higher or more

profitable profile. Guides abound to every aspect of gourmet, for we are desperately keen on making the correct choices. Is it organic? Is it ethically acceptable? Were the peasants who grew the coffee paid enough?

Knowing exactly what you are eating and drinking has never been more essential. The BSE catastrophe has alerted us all to the high price we have to pay for cheap food produced

but for its quantity. We are, rightly, worried about the methods used by the food and farming industry to fill our trolleys.

Decades

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dent intensive drugs and antibiotics in the animal sheds, the presence of pesticide in vegetables, the potential dangers of new technology such as irradiation and genetic engineering, the widespread use of cosmetic additives to tart up junk food, have

It is the small producer who most actively responds to this request for more natural food. produced using farming methods that respect the countryside and animals. The new attitude to food production is forging links between consumers and farmers which have not existed before. Organic vegetable box schemes are no

Perhaps we need a new word for the kind of food and

longer considered to be

drink that aspires to the highest standards. The um-brella label is currently "speciality" which implies luxury items for a niche market. It is an attitude that does the food and drinks industry a disser-

Are we really happy to accept a situation in which there are two kinds of food stuff produced cheaply which raises no expectations, and speciality products made in small quantities for a small marker?

Polarising food in this manner has produced a two-tier market where the options are geared to price. You can have real cider or industrial cider; real ice-cream or a product made with vegetable oil; real cheese properly matured or slab cheese with no noticeable flavour: real sausages or those made from slurry.

Food made properly, for those who care about how they feed their families, and junk for those who do not care or. more likely, cannot afford the option of good food — surely these aptions should not be embraced by a civilised

The lesson we should all learn from this festival, sponsored by The Times, Sunday Times and Wine, is that good food is not just for special occasions. If food is not good in every sense of the word we should not be producing it. ● Derek Cooper is the presenter of Radio 4's The Food Programme both fine food and fine drink



Visitors to this year's festival will find a wealth of expert information and a huge variety of new tastes to try out

# A feast for the gourmet palate

ore than 27,000 food and wine enthusiasts are expected to attend the International Festival of Fine Wine and Food being held at Olympia for four days from October 24. From its beginnings 15 years ago as a gathering for wine buffs, the festival has evolved over the past three years into a celebration of

Michael Kallenbach on the pleasures

awaiting visitors to the festival

and the emphasis is now firmly directed at guiding discerning consumers towards gournet foods and high quality beverages. There will be about 220 exhibitors, split evenly between those presenting food-oriented products, particularly speciality foods and ingredients, and those featuring wine, spirits.

Displays will include Brit-

ish cheeses. Japanese dishes. Scottish delicacies, speciality foods, wine tours, cookery courses, international beers, and speciality drinks. Demonstrations will be giv-

liqueurs and beers.

en on the mixing of cocktails and visitors to The Sunday Times Wine Club Taste Tunnel will be able to try single

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varietal wines and compare them to the aromas of the fruits, spices and herbs they are said to resemble.

Masterclasses sponsored by WINE magazine will feature tastings of classic vintages. All the major wine producing nations will be represented, displaying a comprehensive range of the differing styles and varietof wines produced in the mid to upper price range.

Two new countries, Romamaking their debut on the British market And While German beers will undoubtedly capture many palates, there will be other unusual beers from the Czech Republic and from South Africa.

A team of top chefs and wine experts will be passing on their secrets. Frances Bissell, The Times cook; Valentina Harris from Italy; Antony Worrall Thompson. bistro and Mediterranean specialist; and Bruno Loubet, Regent Street, will be among

Alastair Little, whose new restaurant in Lancaster Road, near Portobello Road, is wooing the crowds away from Soho, will be there and has coincidentally just brought out his third cookery book Italian Kitchen (Ebury Press, £19.99). "Italian cookery." he says, "with its honesty and full, sun-ripened flavours, has never been more popular. The book is based on Little's cookery course at La Cacciata in Umbria.

More than 60 per cent of the food exhibitors are small spe-

cialist producers or a importers of quality foods including farmhouse cheeses. foie gras, gourmet breads, oysters, olives, oils, chocolates, teas and coffees, and oriental sauces. There are also more exotic exhibits such as kangaroo, ostrich and alligator.

Leading supermarkets are promoting specific aspects of their business. Asda is sponsoring introduction to

wine-tasting seminars, Tesco is showing its nia and the Ukraine, are best-selling cheeses and sponsoring the British Cheese and Sainsbury's is exhibiting its new fine foods section and showing why it has been chosen as best supermarket retailer of the year for the past two years by Wine magazine. which is co-sponsoring that festival with The Times and The Sunday Times.

> • Because of the licensing laws, no children under 18 can be admitted.

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# Sampling the

Frances Bissell describes the joy

of discovering all the culinary

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treasures on display at the festival

ery demonstrations at the festival at Olympia, I try to leave myself plenty of time, before or after, to visit as many stands as I can. It is an excellent opportunity to taste new products and to get reacquainted with old favourites, and all under one

On the whole, the products you see are from small, specialist producers in Britain and abroad, with-

out the mass mar-ket capabilities required by the supermarkets. Some of the items, however, will undoubt-edly find their way onto the specialist shelves of the supermarkets' flagship stores.
If you were to plan your itinerary

meal' carefully, you could taste your way through a whole meal, although I am sorry to see the absence of specialist or organic meat producers this year, so no lovely smell of bangers to

tempt you to the stand. But you can sample your way from oysters to anchovies from Cuan Oysters and La Monegasque respectively. right through to a fine selection of chocolates and other delights for after dinner from The Chocolate Club and Clements E Companhia.

On the last stand, you will find Elvas plums, the authentic sugar plums so beloved of the Victorians at Christmas Made in true artisan fashion and packed in attractive boxes

Thenever I give cook- with hand-painted ceramics. these sweetmeats also make lovely and unusual gifts. I visited the Conservas Rainha Santa in Portugal not long ago, one of only two remaining producers, and I was much taken with the painstaking care taken with the fruit at all stages of preserving it. Portinguese food has not been seen much in Britain, so the prolarly welcome.

As well as dried fruit, air-cured hams and chouricos from Lamego and Serra d'Estrela, you will find Santa cold-pressed extra virgin olive oil, and a range of infused wine vinewhich contains wild oregano from the countryside around Estremos. which the family members

pick themselves.
I shall also visit the Odysea stand to have a look at some of the special Greek products. Their Iliada extra virgin olive oil is superb, and I always stock up on their olives whenever I am in Selfridges. They will also be launching "gigantes" beans and barbay annis, a traditional Greek pasta from the northern mountains, as well as krows saffron and trahana. This wi is made from ground durum wheat, mixed with sheeps milk. When dried, the mixture is then crumbled or ground into rice-size pellets, not unlike large couscous. It is used in

# It pays to get out of the kitchen Thirsty Brits



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Top chefs do not make money from restaurants, but from their TV shows, books and brand names,

says Robin Young

hese days, chefs figure in Who's Who. Michel Roux. who cooks for the Queen at the Waterside Inn in Bruy. Berkshire, is in there beside his former employers, the Rothschilds, Anton Mosimann, formerly of the Dorchester and now of the eponymous dining club in Belgravia. nudges in ahead of the Mosleys, and Raymond Blanc, of the Manuir aux Quat Saisons, in Great Milton, Oxfordshire, has the entry following that of the president of Air France,

True, the national guide to the great and good has not yet admitted the enfant terrible of haute cuisine. Marco Pierre White, surely the hortest name in catering. Nor has it made room for three-star Michelin men such as Pierre Koffmann, of Tante Claire, and Nico Ladenis, of Chez Nico at 90 Park Lane, but it does accommodate Keith Floyd ja three-glass chef rather than three star). Inexplicably, Albert Roux appears only as an appendage to his younger brother, who is his co-

author and television co-star. Therein lies the point. It is their extra-curricular activities that bring these men tame and fortune. Leading chefs in Britain are now just as much involved in what the French call le business as their confreres on the Continent. Chefs no longer just cook in hotels and restaurants. They lead the national taste in matters of gastronomy. They are authors, tele-Fision stars, promoters,

hrand names. It is their achievement, by virtue of the wider exposure they have won, to have dragged the British lunching and dining classes kicking and screaming into the 20th century just before it ends.

franchisers and even, at their peak,

We have the authoritative word of the Good Food Guide that British catering is better than it has ever been. When the Guide was founded 45 years ago, voghurt was unknown olive oil was something you put in your ears to remove wax, and pepper was finely ground dust effective as sneezing powder and

little **el**se. nally successful home cook, food writer and television populariser. but not making any claim to be professional chef or innovator, is still awakening slow learners to such things as cranberries, the competitive chefs at the forefront of the catering industry are hotfoot after every new ingredient, foreign sine or cooking style that might

We them a competitive edge. Their successful finds are quickly imitated by every other restaurant that can turn them to advantage, and are then picked up by the supermarket buyers, the Delia Smiths and the home cooks. Hence such suddenly ubiquitous phenomena as chargrilling, stirfries, ciabatta, pesto, rocket, balsamic vinegar, filo pastry, La Ratte and Belle de Fontenay potatoes, coconut milk, lemon grass, miso and salsa.

Coming next to a restaurant and then a supermarket near you, perhaps, tuna carpaccio, truffle oil, ventreche haeun, smoked garlic, airdried puffin, Scandinavian cloud and lingonberries, Alfonso mangoes from India, Vidalia onions from the United States, or even Ireland's fabulously floury and strangely

overlooked Queens potames. A quick look at those Who's Who entries shows partly how it works, Michel Roux, for example, lists six books co-authored with brother Albert, and the television series. He does not list, though, the legion of chels the brothers have trained and sometimes installed in other establishments: nor does he list their contract catering, their fine food import-export business, French butchery, and airline

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consultancies. Mosimann lists two television series, eight books and a large collec-tion of gold medals, honours and awards, but does not refer to the outside catering company, the kitchen equipment, cookery and cuttery range, or the Mosimann-branded fine foods. Even the laid-back Floyd gets paid to put his name to loaves on

Safeway's shelves. You need not disbelieve the top men when they claim their restaurants do not pay. In such a labour-intensive industry it really is possible to produce dishes that cost £35 in man hours, ingredients and overheads. Customers then complain if they appear on the menu at. say, £26.

Top chefs work their hearts out, care passionately about what they are doing and test themselves to destruction to achieve their goals. But once they have made it into le business the rewards can be pretty satisfying, too.

Those Who's Who entries show Mosimann's recreation as "collect-"reading, riding and rock", and Michel Roux goes in for "shooting and skiing". A wider trawl of the headlines reveals that Richard Neate, of Pied-à-Terre, could contemplate retirement at 29, that when not in their kitchens our chefs are more than likely to be at luxury homes in the south of France, and that one raw newcomer to the Michelin stars, even before publishing his book, was giving his hobby as "scuba diving in Cambodia". It is hot work in the kitchen, but

superchef firmament.

market is a result of his habit of experimenting with new recipes at home and sometimes asking his daughters to taste them. His own unusual ingredients will ensure that he will be exploring the various stands at the festival next week.

recent years. People are much more aware of ingredients and and willing to try out new things," he says. "Coriander and lemon grass, for instance, are not a combination that would have been used in the past. Awareness now is largely due to the influence of major supermar-



# Babies have good taste

what turns a chef

into a superchef

kets and television. I personally like

simple foods, especially those that

domestic science course at school

his first upside-down pineapple

cake. He then opted for a two-year

cookery course at Weymouth Coll-

ege where he found he had a knack

worked at the Candlewick Room in

the City which earned a red M in the Michelin Guide.

"My philosophy," he says, "is to keep it simple and affordable —

did his instructors proud with

use salads and herbs."

A BUTTERNUT squash recipe dreamt up by Mark Hix to use in a risotto proved so popular with his two-year-old twin daughters that it is being marketed this month by a new Glasgow-based company. The Original Babyfood Co. for its

Mr Hix is executive chef at two of London's most fashionable restaurants. Le Caprice and The Ivy, and, at 33, is one of the rising stars in the

His move into the baby-food

"Tastes have changed so much in

Michael something out with colleagues and then in the restaurant, and eventually it takes off with the customers." Kallenbach on

Des McDonald is the head chef at The Ivy, and Kevin Gratton is his opposite number at Le Caprice. Mr Hix meets both of them for a quick breakfast every morning to iron out problems, by which time ingredients will have been ordered and delivered. "We taste and test the food throughout the day, and make Mr Hix began cooking after rejecting metalwork in favour of a sure the staff knows what is available." Each week he and the

other chels meet the proprietors for As a consultant, Mr Hix has taken his skills as far afield as the Middle East and the Caribbean, and last year he was involved in launching Caprice Events to cater for the individual needs of regular

for developing new skills and ideas. His first job was at the Park Lane Hilton's staff canteen. He has The company was formed after Vanity Fair asked the restaurant to cater a charity dinner for 350 at the Serpentine Gallery in Hyde Park. More recently, Mr Hix flew to Long unless you're splurging and opting for foie gras and truffles. Ideas develop from ideas. First 1 try Island, in New York, especially to cook for a regular customer who desired his particular expertise.

# have a nose for fine wine

Jane MacQuitty on the popularity of the mid-priced bottle of plonk

'Chile

per cent

increase

in sales

last year'

capital of the world. Nobody does it better than the UK's wine buyers. merchants, auctioneers, commentators and, yes, even wine writers. Our long-standing tradition of not producing much wine of our own and our location - slap bang in the middle of the modern wineproducing map - has made us a formidable source of wine expertise.

More tempting to the world's wine producers is our underdeveloped wine consumption. True, our annual capita consumption of wine has grown in the past 30 years from a paltry two litres a head to an impressive lo litres. And it is still growing at a healthy rate, up by over 15 per cent between 1994 and 1995. Compared with other Europeans, however, we are abstemious. The French drink more than anyone else, knocking back about of litres

annually, about half the quantity they drank in the 1960s. The Italians and Portuguese, Europe's other dedicated wine drink although ers. consuming less than ever, manage to down about 60 litres a head.

So the combina-tion of saturation point reached on

the Continent and our history of expertise in the wine world continues to ensure that the best bottles and top producers all consider the UK an obligatory stopover. In turn, this has encouraged our buyers to seek an increasingly wide range of

Understandably, France continues to hog the largest share of the UK's wine shelf space - about a third. Italy is next with 15 per cent of the total UK wine market, in part because of the perpetual popularity of sweet, fizzy lambrusco. Germany is only l per cent behind, with the unlovely liebfraumilch and tafelwein hock the big Teutonic lines — sadly. Much more encouraging

news is the knowledge that Australian wine sales here now make up 10 per cent of the total and other New World wine producers such as South Africa are moving from nowhere towards 6 per cent. California and the rest of America are at 4 per cent, and Chile, another newcomer, achieves 3 per cent. Clearly, the UK's long-established wine suppliers, such as France

ondon is still the wine and Germany, have lost out heavily to this increasingly strong New World competition, whose easy, upfront fruity wines with straightfor-ward single-grape variety labels have wide appeal. And in case Old World producers want to persist in their ostrichlike ways, they should note that South Africa and Chile both experienced 100 per cent sales increases here last year.

Leading this new era of wine are the supermarkers, which between them account for 80 per cent of all wine bought in the UK. A further 9 per cent is split between wine warehouses, merchants and wine clubs. This puts the independent wine merchant's share at about 5 per cent. But though I sympathise with their dwindling trade and feel sore that most wine sold in this country is priced at £3.99 and below, there is not much point in whining, as some have, at

prices such as £2,99, £3,99 and £4.99 considering the lack of money any of us have left had a 100 in the kitty each week to spend on wine. Wine merchants

and writers regu-larly spread the fixed costs for the £2.99 bottle, such as duty, shipping bottling

and bottling charges are considered, only a few pence is actually spent on the wine within. So you get one whole extra pound's worth of wine if you trade up to a £3.99 bottle and two pounds' worth if you trade up to a £4.99

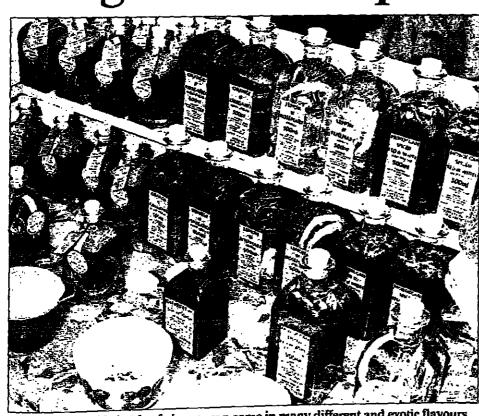
The message is beginning to filter through to the drinker; the £4 and £5 sector of the market is the fastest-growing by far, up by 12 per cent last year. But if you intend to drink wine every day, the £2.99 bottle still has life in it. It is, coincidentally, infinitely more difficult to find wines under £3 that are drinkable than say under £5, so look out for the first issue of my Top 100 next month.

Supermarkets are gradually starting to give their wine customers some of the perks that previously they would have found only at the better sort of wine merchant. Many are now offering free tatsings for their customers and providing advanced wine schemes for their staff.

My hunch is that it's onwards and upwards for the UK's supermarket wines.

# delights of the specialists

pretty cool on the outside.



Even the humble bottle of vinegar can come in many different and exotic flavours

thick soups and stews, and to stuff vegetables - an excellent addition to the store cupboard

staples. Danmar International is the stand to visit if you love all things Italian. Pasta, organic extra virgin olive oils, vinegars and roasted vegetables in til are just some of the lines on show. But you will also find lemon-infused olive oil and pasta made from emmer

Closer to home, there is much to please the anglophile godinet. Mead and flavoured contials, such as elderflowers and ginger could not be more traditional. At the James White stand, you will find a range of flavoured apple

juices, such as apple and cinnamon and apple and blackberry, but I think their individual freshly pressed apple juices from Bramley. Cox and Russet are hard to beat. Not so much for drinking, but using as a cooking ingredient. shall be nosing round a couple of drink stands: J Wray and Nephew for the Appleton Estate and King Offa Distillery for the Hereford Cider Brandy, Aperitif and Liqueurs. The laner will be very good in a custard to accompa-

ny an apple pie. If you are looking for something to spice up your cooking. The Curry Sauce Company. Greenwich Herbs and Spices. Mrs Bassa's Indian Kitchen.

Samarkand Gourmet Spice Blends and Karimix should, between them, have some for you. On the last stand, you will find some unusual pickles and relishes with flavours of Malaysia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, such as aubergine pickle, pineapple achar, and a Sri Lankan tamarind chutney.

fter all this exotic and flavoursome food, a hunk of good bread would be just the thing. Until relatively recently, good bread was what you made at home. But a number of small independent bakers have been making a name for themselves, and their uncompromising standards. They are

now joined by, among others, De Gustibus. Baker, Dan Schickentanz, uses nothing but organic flour, purified water, and sea salt to make his bread, but perhaps his most important ingredient is time. Bread that is allowed to lerical that the lerical that is allowed to lerical that is allowed to lerical that the lerica ment slowly is incomparable. and this year a six-day sour-

dough bread will be leatured.

To go with good bread, there is nothing better than good cheese. And no cheese is better than British cheese. You will the real Wensleydale made at Hawes creamery on the Wensleydale Dairy Products stand, and a bronze medal winning vintage farm-house cheddar from Lye Cross Farm on the Alvis Bros stand. But to see and taste the wherewithal to select a world class cheeseboard, save plenty of time to visit the Cheese Challenge on the British Cheese Awards stand. I know

Just a few week's ago, 469 British and Irish cheeses were entered for the awards. Like was compared with like in a large number of different classes, and only the best gained medals. The supreme champion was the Lincolnshire Poacher, a modern British hard cheese, characteristic of the region, whilst the best new comer was a hard unpasteurised buffalo milk cheese, made by Malvern Cheesewrights, I have found this a good cheese to serve to guests who like to play guessng games. Indeed, it is a very long time since I have served other than a British cheeseboard to guests. Here on the stand, you will be able no meet some of the cheese makers, and taste their produce, and the Cheese Challenge will enable you to test your knowledge of British cheeses, with questions and a

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# Taste wines with the experts

Michael Kallenbach

on the

widening appeal of the

grape

ovice drinkers as well as wine conable to indulge in wine-tasting rituals at the festival and there will be plenty of opportunities to ex-change opinions and ideas and discover bargains.

There will be 48 advanced tutored tastings on specialised themes such as "entertaining with bordeaux" and "Californian wine styles". And in line with the current popularity of expertly matching foods with wines, there will be a room featuring seminars such as pairing chardonnay with smoked foods, and Spanish chardonnay with seafood with sherry.

Philip MacGregor, who will hold several wine tastings during this year's festival, says that in recent years the snobbishness has gone, and that fine wine is as likely to be available in a supermarket as it is in a specialised wine store.

Mr MacGregor has been tasting and testing wines for 12 years and will be among the presenters at "Swirl. Sniff and Slurp" arranged by the Association of Wine Educators. The association will be organising as many as 40 tastings during

One session will focus on the technique of tasting, another will examine essential differences between wines of the New World and the Old World, and a third will explore forgotten grape varieties.

In the art of slurping, Mr MacGregor will pair stakingly explain the mysterious procedures and language of tasting and the reasons behind them. Once people get to like

about it," he says. Wine tasters like Mr MacGregor are insistent that they should not become in-

ision for food and wine, a

day spent eating and drinking sounds like heaven.

However, if you've never been

to a food festival, it is as well to

be aware of the pitfalls.

The first problem is that the

stands are not arranged in any

logical order. Well, not as far

as your stomach is concerned.

You can — and probably will

Christmas cake, followed by

smoked salmon, chocolate and

sushi. The only thing to do if

you want to be sure to avoid

what the French call a crise de

foi (upset tum) is to have a

good look around first. Make

a mental note of what you

want to taste then plan a

reasonable gastronomic run-

overeating pales into insignifi-

cance against the more drastic

effect of consuming too much

alcohol. When you have poured a glass of perfectly nice

wine, the natural reaction is to

take a sip. think "Mmmm

that's nice" and polish off the

glass. If you do that half a

dozen times (depending on

your level of tolerance) you feel pleasantly lightheaded. Do it

12 times and you'll find your-

self having to clutch on to your

on the way home on the Tube.

the only way. Most stands will

other people will be doing it.

You may wonder how you

can actually taste wine if you

spit it out: it's a question of a

little technique and a lot of

practise. Take a sip of wine.

suck air between your teeth in

What you need to do is what

However, the discomfort of

ning order.

find yourself sampling

How to cope with

a joyous bounty

Look around the stalls before you

start your eating and drinking

Tor anyone with a pas- short bursts while holding it in

suede boots).

wine, they want to know more



**FŒUS** 

The snobbishness once attached to wine drinking has gone, and fine wine is as likely to be found in the supermarket as the specialist retailer

volved in selling wines. "We sell education, not the product. If the customer likes it, they must get it themselves, otherwise we can't be objective."

For those who are interested in gaining diplomas and certificates, Gareth Lawrence, course manager at the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, is the man to talk to. Coming from a family who were involved in the wine trade, Mr Lawrence teaches a wide range of courses, from those for pure beginners to others

your mouth (it is a bit noisy

but don't worry) then take aim

and spit. (As a novice spitter it

is advisable not to wear light-

coloured clothing or your best

If you cannot bring yourself

to spit, you have no alternative

but to be selective. Again, it is

worth having a plan of action.

Focus on one particular type of

wine you might want to buy,

such as a good red for Christ-

mas or an inexpensive spar-

kler for a party, and ask each

stand to recommend a suitable

product. Or take a wine pro-

ducing area you don't know

much about - such as Chile or

South Africa - and concen-

trate on their wines. It is worth

taking a notebook along and

recording your impressions as

there is a fair chance you will

not be able to remember all

Making sure you are in peak form to tackle a day as

indulgent as this one. Do not

go on an empty stomach or on

top of a hefty fry-up, unless

that is what you eat every

morning. Try to drink plenty

of water during the course of

that you have tasted.

ing a diploma course over two years which costs £550.

During the festival, the Trust will explain details of materclass tasting, and have on hand a wide variety of chardonnay wines from countries such as Hungary and

In addition, "Wine and Wood" will show how the ageing of wine in various types of cask can affect the final flavour.

MrLawrence points out that the trust, which has been in existence for 25 years, is com-

Pood and wine unite people... and people unite food and wine cakes and ale, cheese and wine. Exactly what to eat with food has long been a

which food has long been a

hundred people and the top answers will be: "I don't know

a lot about wine but I know what I like": "Any wine so long as it is white, sweet and cold": "I'll have what the rest

Restaurant wine lists sug-

gest that certain wines are

suitable to drink with particu-

lar foods "excellent with fish

or chicken" is writ after a

white Burgundy; "wonderful

with seafood" after a New

Zealand Sauvignon. Should

you believe them? Why not?

They want you to come back.

Is it sensible to ask the wine

waiter for advice? Yes and no.

Yes if you ask: "What is the best light red wine under £15

to go with my mixed grill?"

No if one of you orders steak,

the other fish stew and you

want to economise. (Pointless

to ask whether the sommelier

would recommend the pink

plank at £8. The more expen-

sive your wine, the bigger is

his tip, so he would be insane

to tell you that pink plonk at £8 is ace, especially as it will

There are in food and wine

a few marriages made in

heaven: walnuts and vintage

port spring to mind; ripe

white peaches with cham-pagne... so brilliant that Ital-

ians liquidise the fruit, add it

not be.)

of you are having."

mitted to providing high quality wine education, not only for the trade, but increasingly for

ine experts point to the increase in sales over recent vears, and attribute much of the success to New World wines, their easyto-read and pronounce labels. coupled with major promotion campaigns by leading supermarkets. Non-French speakers, for instance, need not feel embarrassed if they do not

to the wine and

call it a Bellini.

Goose liver, with

or without truffles

is enhanced by

glasses of very

cold dessert wine.

Chateau d'Yguem

if money is no

object, but there

are excellent first

growth barsaos:

Climens, Rieus-

sec, Suduirot and

Coutet cost far

less and are very

fine. Store the

glasses in the deep freeze.

food and drink which are

strictly for the home: braised

oxtail which deserves strong

ale to quaff rather than sip;

Irish stew with which nothing

is as right as a nice hot cup of

strong Indian tea. You cannot

have that in restaurants, not

even with the mark-up on tea at 1,000 per cent. When it

comes to profit, restaurants

need high volume and even a

big gain on a 10p commodity

is only just enough to pay for

the one in 24 teaspoons nicked

by customers, the one in 16

There are combinations of

know how to pronounce Chateau Neuf du Pape. Instead they can opt for a Glen Ellen from California, or a shiraz from Australia.

Penny Thair. Asda's wine marketing manager who will represent her company next week at Olympia 2. attributes the increase in wine sales to more affordable prices. "Beer and wine are not mutually

exclusive." she points out. She adds: "In the past women rarely ventured into liquor stores, and if they did.

both broken by

waiters, not for-

the

getting the crooked cashier.

I believe that

Beluga caviar is

better accompa-

nied by overproof

lemon vodka; and

l advise home

consumption be-

cause it is difficult

to leave restau-

rants after a few

glasses of super-

alcoholic nectar.

And I believe that it is point-

less giving people better fare

than they can appreciate.

There are a huge number of

men and women who truly

don't care about food and

drink (I think I have had most

of them to dinner in a journal-

istic capacity). To them, it is

the thought that counts; the

label or the shape of the bottle

is more important than the

champagne goes with just

about any food and if £15 a

bottle, about as cheap as

decent champagne gets, is too

Give them champagne;

'On the whole, any food goes with any wine if conversation is buzzing'

Navigate the

dinner-party

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uncomfortable. But women are no longer intimidated since in supermarkets there are always a good range of wines available."

Historically, older men have always taken to wine and younger women, she says, but all that is changing now. These days interest is divided 50-50 along gender lines." Mr MacGregor, who will be

explaining grape varieties during his tastings, agrees that that wine courses today attract both sexes and age is never a

high a price to pay, there are many good sparkling wines in champagne-shaped bottles. The Australians make excel-

lent sparklers for under £7.

mistake to experiment with

food when you have guests

you want to impress, so make

sure the wine you serve is

tried and more or less trusted.

Read wine writers, buy what

they recommend and if you like what you purchase, ac-

cept that this is a writer whose tastes you endorse and buy other suggestions he or she

publishes. (If you disapprove

of his or her selections, read

another columnist.) On the

whole, any wine goes with any food, especially if the conversation is buzzing, but

avoid obvious pitfalls: wine at

the wrong temperature; red

wine with shellfish; acidic

salads when you are drinking

Watercress does funny

things to your palate - makes

it very hard to appreciate good

wine, does a plate of water-cress salad. So, look on the

bright side, if the wine you

have bought is iffy, bring on

When the French want a

dinner party to end, along

comes a tray of glasses con-

taining grapefruit juice, short-hand for 'time to go home.' As

this signal is not internation-

ally understood, we tend to

lower the quality of what

people are drinking and just

soft smooth red wines.

watercress.

Try Yalumba.

# to sample the world's best om high-street regulars to niche vines, all you need is a older than the continual feature.

THE International Festival offers wine enthusiasts a rare opportunity to sample hundreds of different wines. Most of the wines at the show are easily available from supermarkets or high-street chains (and you can buy your discoveries on the spot) but some are produced in small quantities, or are "niche" wines.

Once you have gained entry to the show, all you need to do is buy a glass. You can then tour the vast fair, tasting anything you fancy. First stop for the adventurous is the English Wine Producers stand (G70). Home-grown wines, as opposed to exotica flown in from foreign parts, might seem laughable in our cold, damp climate, but, prejudice apart, you could find yourself

surprised by their quality.
If you suspect your taste lies in a particular direction, the generics that represent individual countries are worth checking. The New Zealand Wine Guild (G26) will be showing crisp sauvignon blanes from the boutique wineries of Vavasour and Dashwood, and traditionalists can sample the white wines offered by the German Wine

Information Service (G50). The Greek Wine Bureau (G51) will show wines from the islands of Cephalonia and Samos, made from native Greek grapes, and the Portuguese stand (ICEP-Portuguese Trade & Tourism Office, F44) is planning a line-up of wines

from new areas such as Bucelas, north of Lisbon, and Beiras in central Portugal The Wine Institute of Cali-

selection of organic wines from individual importers; Semax international (M9), will be showing a selection of Ukrainian wines; Caxton Tower (G21 & S3) is offering wines from Argenting (Etchart) and Hungary (Kavar) and Freixenet (FI4), will be offering wines from Spain's Somontano region (Vi-

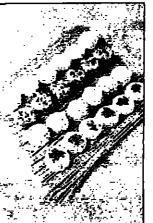
nas del Vero).

Those who like their wine to pack a little more punch could do worse than linger at the Port Wine Institute stand (G20), which will be featuring ports in every style, produced \( \square\$ by more than 40 companies. Critics who think that drinking sherry is the preserve of sociable vicars and sweettoothed maiden aunts should visit the Sherry Institute of Spain (G4I). Instead of cloyingly sweet lukewarm confections, you'll find 57 sherries in every style, from crisp, delicate, chilled Fino, to the nutry

complexity of an Oloroso.

Identifying the flamboyant metaphors that wine writers use to describe wine can be a problem, but inspiration for the tongue-tied comes in the form of the Taste Tunnel. Here you can sniff tobacco leaves and Liquorice Allsorts while nosing a syrah and rehearse those dinner party gambits guaranteed to reduce witty rivals to awed silence. "Ah yes, that unmistakable aroma of eucalyptus and wild Languedoc herbs. Would you say this oak-aged syrah was typical of southern France?"

Casilda Grigg





rand slower

## Award-winning cheese displays from previous festivals **British cheeses** top the taste test\*

Juliet J. Harbutt on the successful revival of the cheesemaker's craft

t this year's British Cheese Awards, sponsored by Tesco, there were 469 entries spread over 53 different classes. Eightyseven were Cheddars, 63 goat and 144 unpasteurised - they ranged from the sublime to the occasionally truly ridiculous, unless you like the idea of

Cheddar with chocolate chip. The judges select only the best, which are given the right to carry the symbol of excel-lence, a gold, silver or bronze medal rather than simply choosing first, second or third - an impossible task if all the cheeses are wonderful or

worse if they are not. British cheese has come a long way in the last ten years and is as good as anything you will find in Europe. At a recent tasting, I threw down the gourmet gauntlet to some chefs, who will remain nameless, to name the country of origin of 25 artisan cheeses.

Shoulder-shrugging and superior laughter was followed by sniffing, prodding and furious munching as the cheeses proved more challenging than expected.

The tiny goat cheese and the wickedly creamy ones with pungent aromas were assumed to be French. Hard cheese with unusual tastes were mostly picked as goat or ewe's milk cheese from Spain. Britain was given credit for the wonderful, hard crumbly

known - Cheshire, Wensleydale, Caerphilly and Lancashire but the Cheddar-like cheese with its rich nutty complex flavour was presumed to be Italian or French The blues were the most controversial. The chefs felt it was unfair to include obscure

cheeses for which we are best

rarely find their way to the British market. At the end, when I reviewed the results. I was not popular. The cheeses were all British. demonstrating that the renaissance of British artisan or farmhouse cheeses is not just a

European artisan blues which

marketing ploy. The voluptuous goat's milk "Camembert" was delicing the sheep's milk blue indescribably good and the hard cheeses of unusual flavours were superb examples of modern British cheese - hard cheeses made using the Cheddar process from cow. goal. sheep and even buffalo milk.

And of course the rich nutty cheese was quite simply a magnificent example of a clothbound, matured, unpasteurised Cheddar.

To discover how much you really know about British cheese come to the British Cheese Awards Cheese Challenge at the festival and taste to of the medal winners from this year's awards, including the Supreme Champion. You will not be disappointed.

# Go to school in the kitchen

contents.

hat if you ignore all this good advice and overdo it? How do fellow passengers for support you deal with the hangover? Personally, I'm not a member the professionals do at a wine of the Fernet Branca school of tasting. Spit it out. It might hangover cures - which is to sound quite disgusting, but it's swallow something so repellant it shocks the system into have a spittoon handy (even if it is only a cardboard box lined with a bin bag) and plenty of The answer is simply to

drink as much water as you can before you go to bed and start the next day with a huge glass of freshly squeezed orange juice and couple of aspirin. Then you'll be ready to face the world.

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odern wannabee good cooks have endless opportunities with wall-to-wall food programmes beaming out across the ether. But if you fancy something a bit more personal, the choice is as ever-expanding as your waistline.

Two exhibitors at the festival offer very different possibilities. At the Edinburgh Cookery School, 43 Blackford Road, Edinburgh (0131-667 3960), they have been teaching Cordon Bleu style cooking for ten years. Jill Davidson, the principal, on Stand II. can explain their various courses, many of which will appeal to those looking for a chance to learn about good cooking and at the same time enjoy the city of Edinburgh.

On Stand 14 is the Rhode School of Cuisine, 29 Holland Villas Road, west London (0171-603 0850). The glorious settings for their courses, in the South of France and Tuscany, are every bit as mouth-watering as the food you will learn to cook under the guidance of their chef Frederick Riviere.

Susanna Gelmetti's courses in Umbria would certainly be your tazza di te if you share her passion for Italian food. She believes that Italian cuisine must be Elaine Hallgarten

looks at the options for improving

culinary skills

taught by Italians — her chef is, she states, "a genius" — the youngest Michelin three star chef in Italy, (0181-208 0112). On the other hand, French Country Kitchen Holidays (0171-924 7982), based in the Lot of Garonne, are taught by a collection of well-known British chefs. Tuition is interspersed with visits to the market and much eating and drinking.

Ireland is a favourite holiday destination, with good food too. Many of the country's best chefs have been inspired by Myrtle and Darina Allen at Ballymaloc. Ballymaloe Cookery School (Shanagarry, Co Cork. Ireland (00 353 21 646785) is ideal for a short course and the opportunity to enjoy the special charm of County Cork.

London's cookery schools - Cordon Bleu at 114 Marylebone Lane, WIM 6HH (0171-935 3503) and Leith's School of Food and Wine at 21 St Alban's Grove, W8 5BP (0171-229 0177) — are geared to serious professional students but also run shorter courses for the amateur. Thierry Dumouchel, technical director of the Cordon Bleu, believes that after only one lesson you should be able to cook a wonderful meal at home. Leith's director, C J Jackson, thinks cooks can gain confidence as well as ideas and recipes.

Her views are echoed by Linda Collister, author of the recently published The Baking Book, whose career started with a Cordon Bleu course. Busy working people who entertain

single-handed are targeted in Lyn Hall's Bachelor Cooks course. She has teamed up with kitchen designers Bulthaup to run a series of classes. Participants cook and eat a complete menu, developing invaluable cooking skills. (0171-584 6841). Entertaining Ideas (07050-387 387) are

ust that - cookery demonstrations in a kitchen in London's Portobello Road. The combination of plenty of food and wine and the chance to learn the secrets of some of London's glitziest chefs is proving to be a huge success. Such luminaries as Anton Edelmann of The Savoy, Matthew Harris of Bibendum and Jean Christophe Novelli are among the line-up.

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Great Britain face

test of tactics

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disappointments so far, Lar-

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should smarten us up and

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Larder recognises the con-

pribution of Auckland and the

fact that New Zealand, who

have just beaten Paupua New

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ble now than at any time. He

is aware, too, that they previ-

GREAT Britain have had

anything but an enjoyable

time since their arrival in New

Zealand. The first match was

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their self-belief is intact on the

eve of the three-match interna-

tional series that starts here

For the underdogs to justify

their apparent confidence,

Britain must resist the tempta-

tion to throw the ball about, a

tactic that proved successful in

Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

New Zealand, who possess a

big and highly mobile pack,

must first be ground down.
Terry O'Connor's recall

brings a reassuring, driving presence to the front row.

O'Connor, the Wigan prop.

was a disappointment against

Papua New Guinea, but has

worked hard since. His return

is the only change to the side

involved in the record 72-4

defeat of Fiji, a result that will

have little bearing on the

It is 12 years since Britain

were last beaten over three

matches by New Zealand.

Notable under-achievers

since then, the emergence of a

solid home team - rather

than one of disparate talents

flung together - stems from the advent, two years ago, of

Ten of the 17 players in the

New Zealand squad play for Warriors and will be on home

soil tomorrow at Ericsson

Stadium, which was built

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Auckland Warriors.

four home unions.

as is so often the case, the trick

is to sprinkle enough experi-

ence among the party to give it

some backbone. Even so, the

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BRISTOL will lose their

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ground, are playing a second division match against Blackpool," Dave Tyler, the Bristol general manager, said. The Sunday date was arranged weeks ago after we explained the whole groundshare situation to Narbonne." Tyler added.

first thing on Monday morning."

in no-win situation However, René Bes, the Narbonne secretary, said: We cannot play on Sunday morning and our players are not professionals. They have

> Tyler was due to meet last night with Bes and other Narbonne officials at Treorchy, where the French club were playing, in an attempt to resolve the prob-lem. "It is ridiculous for ERC that arrangements regarding would be determined by the

pua. I was thoroughly im-Larder, the Britain pressed, but we've studied coach, is without Robinson, them closely and there are Connolly and Newlove, and is weaknesses we can exploit if therefore at least three players we can play the way we can," short of an ubvious winning formula. It is the spirit in a Six years ago, Bobbie young side, similar to the one in 1990, that he must summon.

Goulding struck up a halfback partnership with Garry Schofield that brought Britain victory, and he is developing a similar rapport with lestyn Harris. The two are rooming together and spark off each other, on and off the pitch. It is in midfield, with Andrew Farrell an inspirational leader, that Britain can cause an upset, provided that the containment job is done first. The way that Britain disin-

ously flattered to deceive.

"Watching them against Pa-

tegrated against a National League team before recovering to draw will have greatly encouraged New Zealand who give Tyran Smith a full debut at loose forward, and bring Logan Swann, an Auckland reserve-team player who figured in the 30-22 defeat of the Great Britain midweck side by an invitation XIII on Tuesday, to the substitutes' bench. Larder has delayed naming his four substitutes. St Helens are leading the race to sign Richie Blackmore. the New Zealand centre. Formerly with Castleford, Blackmore is keen to return for a second spell in Britain. David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, said: "We are interested in signing Richie, who

has alerted several clubs he is



Lisztes, of Ferencearos, comes away with the ball despite the close attentions of the grounded Beardsley and Batty during Newcastle's 3-2 defeat

# Beardsley takes blame after slack display

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IT IS becoming just a little predictable now. On just about every occasion Newcastle United venture into Europe, they return with familiar questions still waiting to be answered. Can they ever learn? Can they ever change?

Newcastle display an instinct for adventure that borders on the foolhardy. It might have been supressed in the FA Carling Premiership, but not in Europe, oh no.

The 3-2 defeat in their Uefa Cup second-round, first-leg tie against Ferencyaros in Budapest on Tuesday evening, was, on the face of it, a reasonable result. A positive outcome in the return leg is eminently achiev-

TUESDAY NIGHT'S LATE RESULTS

that all is still not well with the North East club, despite their currently lofty position at the top of the Premiership. It was not the defending that provides cause for concern — although it was dreadful - but the inability to control the tempo of the game.

During his press conference, conducted in Hungarian, Zoltan Varga, the Ferencearos coach, repeated several times one word that was identifiable. Possession, he said, and it is at the root of Newcastle's problems.

They are a more talented side than the Hungarians and should have won comfortably. The reason for defeat was simple: they gave the ball away far too often. "They caused us problems when

us a lot of possession, which made an entertaining game," Varga said. "I was surprised how easily they surrendered possession, because it made our task

Newcastle will progress no further in the Uefa Cup, if they cannot quickly digest the simple fact that teams must retain possession in Europe to dictate the rhythm and flow of a game. It is a point that is not lost on Peter Beardsley, the one player in the Newcastle side who treats the football as a treasured belonging.

It was a surprise when he gave away possession to gift the Hungarians a third goal, and he conceded: "I am to blame for the defeat, because it was a

never do things easily at Newcastle. We set out to slow the game down. dictate the pace, and instead fell two goals behind very quickly. We made mistakes because we let them into the game far too much. We can't afford to give the ball away like we did, and we were punished for it."

Not that there is real despondency around Newcastle at the moment because, as Beardsley explained, it was still a reasonable result. "We have left ourselves with the job of getting a 1-0 win at home, and that's not too bad." he said. "If we do that, then our 3-2 defeat will look a very good result, and nobody will be saying we were too

#### **RUGBY UNION**

# Junior Springboks line up grand slam of A team games

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

WHILE South Africa's senior Nevertheless, it seems likely plavers wend their way to provide stiff opposition for British sides, notably in the set through Argentina and France, before concluding pieces where the front-row forwards include Ollie le their activities for the year against Wales on December 15, Roux, the bull-like prop their development team will against whom England play 12 games in Great Britain, played in 1994, and Naka Drotske, the Free State hookwhich include a mini grand slam against the A teams of the er, who came into the 1995 World Cup party as a replacement. Another prop. Adrian Garvey, played for Zimbabwe in the 1991 World Cup before The purpose of the Junior Springboks tour is to expose younger players, both from moving to Natal, for whom he South Africa and their hosts, was a force in this year's Super a higher level of rugby, but.

17 tournament. The backs include Louis Koen, the young Western Province stand-off half who has replaced the out-of-sorts Joel Stransky at provincial

Cambridge University on November 2 has attracted level. Stransky, whose dropped goal won South Africriticism at home for its apparca the World Cup, played in ent failure to address positions the Sanzar series during the of acknowledged weakness. Bristol find themselves

European Conference pool B weekend, without taking the for two reasons. We have reserved a flight for Sunday pitch, if they do not stage the game on Saturday, instead of to be in factories and offices from European Rugby Cup

> to say we must concede the game. We attended a meeting last July, when it was stated dates and kick-off times home team." he said.

summer but has not made the NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bansley © Cotord United O; Barrangham City 1 Joswich Town O; Botton Wanderers 1 Trannyare Rovers O; Portsmouth O Wolversenior touring party after a

lacklustre season. Two of the scheduled matches will act as curtain-raisers to senior internationals; on November 12 the Junior Springboks play Ireland A at Lansdowne Road before Ireland's floodlit meeting with Western Samoa. Eleven days later they will be in midday action against London Counties at Twickenham before England's opening match of their international season, against Italy.

The touring side is due to play all four English regional sides, assuming that some means of selection can be worked out. The clubs seek no part in any divisional or regional teams, which the union still regards as a necessary development step between club and international rugby; as it is there is a litter of A internationals in the late autumn, and one week in December when England field three different A teams in four days against Argentina, the Junior Springboks and Queensland.

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# Aberdeen fail to adjust their game for continental combat

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON ABERDEEN'S Uefa Cup adand isn't that bad, but it just

venture is nearing its conclusion. After losing 2-0 to Brondby IF at Pittodrie on Tuesday night, in a secondround, first-leg tie, they appear to have little realistic hope of reversing the trend in Copenhagen in a formight's time. It is all over bar the eternal optimism of Roy Aitken, the Aberdeen manager.

As Aitken contemplated defeat, inflicted by goals late in each half, from Ebbe Sand and Bo Hansen, it was perhaps the post-match criticism of John Jensen, the Denmark and Brondby midfield player, that hurt most of all. Before the game, he had loudly predicted a Danish victory; after it, he was equally

"I think we capitalised on the basic problems in Scottish football. Jensen, the former Arsenal player, said. The game is played very quickly. doesn't travel very well in Europe. At Arsenal, George Graham used to change our

whole tactical approach for European ties, as you have to, but it seems to be something that Scottish sides cannot do." Die-hard Aberdeen supporters would no doubt point to the positive aspects of their team's performance: how they

dominated most of the second half, with an almost feverish intensity, and struck the woodwork twice; how Joe Miller and Dean Windass caught the eye with their direct running. Overall, though, it was too predictable. "It went much as

we thought it would," Jensen said. "I always felt we could win and the second goal was a bonus. It gives us that vital cushion for the return leg. "It could be that, perhaps,

European coaches are needed in Scottish football. You have to start with the youths. When I started playing, I was only five years old. Coaches in Denmark teach you tactics from that age. The main difference against Aberdeen

was the passing." It may sound a bit rich coming from a player who earned cult status at Highbury more for his crab-like meanderings and unerring dislike of goalscoringthan any creative genius. Yet Jensen canped 70 times by Denmark. has winner's medals in the FA Cup, European Cup Winners' Cup and European championship finals.

He is eminently qualified to pass judgment, unpalatable though it may be to the partisans of Pittodrie. Brondby were streets ahead in everything they did and only in Jensen's closing comments did he veer from the truth. "The tie is not dead yet," he said. "Anything can happen." Dream on, Dons.

# Forest takeover to be fought

THE first signs emerged yes-terday that a section of the shareholders of Nottingham Forest will try to prevent the takeover of the FA Carling Premiership club (Richard Hobson writes).

Four bidders have shown an interest in buying Forest and one, Grant Bovey, head of the recently-formed Cruise Holdings, has already met the board of directors to submit his £30 million plan. The other three are understood to be a locally-based consortium of up to eight people, Phil Soar, a writer who also runs an exhibition centre in London. and a businessman from Indonesia. They will each outline their proposals to the directors before the club's annual meeting on October 31. However, no takeover can be approved without a change

to the constitution of the club which requires the support of 75 per cent of the 209 shareholders, each of whom owns a El stake in the club, at a specially convened meeting.

On announcing that a takeover was, in his opinion, the best way forward, Fred Reacher, the chairman, said that the club desperately needed an injection of capital. Last season Forest reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup but, under pressure from the bank to reduce a £6 million overdraft, they now lie fourth from bottom of the Premiership. The recently published an-

nual review of football finance from Deloitte and Touche revealed that in the year ending May 1995, Forest made a loss of £3.315 million, had net liabilities of £4.716 million and £4.4 million in outstanding

A straight majority of shareholders, including former player Larry Lloyd, appear to be behind the principle of a takeover. However, John Eliwood, another of the 209, believes he can gather enough support to block the move and will be canvassing for support at the game against Derby County on Saturday.

Ellwood wants to see the removal of Reacher and believes the club's problems stem from a failure to find a replacement for Stan Collymore, who was sold for a then British record fee of £8.5 million in July 1995. "We are not going to get out of this mess by changing the constitution," Ellwood said. "No one was worried about it when we were going well."

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**GOLF** 

# Montgomerie relishes role of Wentworth straight man

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THERE is a feeling of coming home when the Toyota World Match Play Championship begins at Wentworth in October. January may be spent in Singapore, February in Australia, March in Morocco and April in Augusta, but, by the tenth month of the year, when the deciduous trees are shedding their leaves and there are wisps of autumn fog in the morning air, it is time to be at Wentworth to watch the L2-man field in this admirable competition address the challenges of the West

It is not just that a golf club in a place named Virginia Water in Surrey is about as English as could

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08.15 and 12.30; (8) S Ellungton (Aus) v S Strickor (US) Winner to play (1) E Bb (SA) 08.30 and 12.45; I Woodram (GB) v (5) C Montgomene (GB) Winner to play (4) M Brooks (US) 08.45 and 13.00; (6) P McI elson (US) v V Singh (Fiji) Winner to play (3) S Jones (US) 99.00 and 13.15: N Senzawa (Japan) v (7) M O'Meera (US), Winner to play (2) T Lehman (US) Seeded positions in brackets

be, or that the course amply separates the chokers from the strokers. as Charles Price, the American golf writer, said all great courses should. It is these and more, including the fact that the PGA European Tour has its headquarters near the clubhouse, that Bernard Gallacher, the captain of the Europe Ryder Cup team last year, is the club professional and that the place reeks of golf history.

We play here more than any other course and so, yes, there is a sense of homecoming," Colin Montgomerie said on the eve of an event he likes because he can stay at home while competing in it. "I play four rounds in the PGA and up to nine rounds here and it does favour me because I tend to hit the ball straight off the tee, but it is not my home course. That will always be Troon."

This year the European contingent totals two. Montgomerie and lan Woosnam will play each other in the first round today. "That's a bit silly," Woosnam said. "I suppose it's good for TV in that it guarantees one person through to Friday, but I don't know. I am not sure about that." On the other hand, there are six "

Americans, three fresh from winning

the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews last week, all of whom have been kept apart. This, of course, is purely the luck of the draw. Mark O'Meara plays Nobuo Serizawa, of Japan, Phil Mickelson plays Vijay Singh and Steve Stricker plays Steve Elkington. If Stricker defeats Elkington, he will play Ernie Els, the defending champion, who has played six matches in this competition and won them all.

Watch out for Stricker, 29. At first glance, he may appear to be just another of those young American players who come along regularly and then never make that one extra stride to the summit. There are signs that Stricker may be an exception. Tom Watson has talked highly of him, he has twice been victorious and won more than El million in the United States this year, and, though he lost three of his five matches in the Presidents Cup, he won all five at St

He does it with the help of his wife. Nicki, who has caddied for him for seven years, and a strong all-round game that is well suited to Wentworth. "I do most of the things fairly well." Stricker said. "I drive it a long way. I am in the top ten in driving statistics on the US Tour and third in putting, and I like to compete." Montgomerie was partnered with

Stricker in a tournament the week after the Masters this year. "He is very straight and very long and obviously, after his two victories in the US, he is full of confidence," Montgomerie said.

It is Stricker's first appearance in this event and, on Monday, he went into London to do some sightseeing with O'Meara and some friends. They went to look at Buckingham Palace and O'Meara bought an Orlando Magic basketball cap. Stricker said that he thought that this was something O'Meara could have bought back home.

Stricker is something of a dark horse. It may be a bit much to think that he can win from one of the strongest fields in recent years, but he has the game to spoil this very British occasion. What happened to him on Tuesday afternoon may add a bit of zip to his play today. That was when he and Nicki played the nine-hole course. Stricker was one over par, Nicki level par.



Paul Howarth, of Jacksons Chartered Accountants, chips to the 17th at The Tytherington yesterday

# Seton's second wait rewarded

By MELWEBB

THE whole affair had heavy overtones of dėja vu. For the second time in as many years, the Seton Healthcare Group were out third, yesterday, in the North West regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge. For the second year, they had to wait for an eternity to see if they had won. In 1995, they were beaten by the last team on the course; this time, they went one better.

Seton, a leading manufacturer of sport and healthcare products which has grown in the six years since it went public into a £270 million market capitalisation company, went through agonies as they waited, and watched the scoreboard, and waited. and waited. Surely, it was not going to happen to them again, was it? As the wind and rain lashed the

course at The Tytherington Club. near Macclesfield, only marginally less fiercely than it did in the same event last year, it was not. The four men representing Seton — Iain Cater, the chief executive of the company, Dieno George, the deputy chief executive. Alistaire Brown and Michael Bahbout, both clients were put through the hoop, but this time their patience was rewarded.

In the end, the only team who could knock Seton off the perches upon which they had hesitantly started to climb were, yet again, the



last four-ball on the course, Helsby Electrical and Building Services. It was not until late in their round that Helsby fell away slightly to finish second, two points behind Seton's winning total of 86 Stableford points.

We felt for Helsby, because we knew just how they must have felt." George said. "We had been there -I'm just so grateful it didn't happen to

RESULTS

86: Seton Healthcare Group plc: 84: Helsby Electrical & Building Services. 82: Arthur Andersen 78: Frodsham Wooden Spoon Chailenge; Lace Mawer: Sun Alfiance (Personal Lines Division) 77: Jackson's Chartered Accountants. 76: Vernon Building Society. Pleuis Cotton Ltd 75: JR Taylor Whilehead Ltd: Hodgson's 74: Willis Contoon Management (Isle of Man): SCC Ltd 73: Iceland Frozen plc. 72: Mace & Jones Grundy Kershaw 71: TNT Express Worldwide. 70: JBA (UK) Ltd; Singer & Friedlander (Isle of Man): Ld; The Littlewoods Organisation 99: Paramount plc. 67: Glasson Group (Lancaster) 68: Skapton Building Society 64: Campbell Reth Hilf 63: Manchester Publicity Association 58: Walker, Smith & Way 56: ODFOS Transport Ltd

us again. We're pretty excited about the win, and now we can't wait for the national final at La Manga."

Scoring was never going to go through the roof in such inhospitable conditions, and anything in excess of 80 points on this day was good scoring. Any winning quartet in this regional final series is going to have to rely on teamwork to get them to La Manga, but George was the first to admit that Seton owed much for their success to Brown.

A two-handicap member of Mere, where he was once an assistant to the teaching professional, Brown fought his way through the worst of the weather to record a remarkable 75. three over par. The 35 points that he picked up were the sturdy foundations upon which George, Cater and Bahbout built their score.

They recorded seven points on only one hole, but that was nothing of which to be ashamed on such a dreadful day for golf. Their big moment came on the 318-yard parfour 8th, where George hit a seveniron to 15 feet and holed the putt for a net eagle and four points.

Cater, also with a seven-iron, finished 22 feet from the hole and lipped out with his first putt, then tapped in from zero range for a net birdie and three points. It was a moment to celebrate; but it was nothing compared with the joy of victory that they experienced a couple

## SEASONEN PRIES McRae wins from front in San Remo

COLIN McRAE from Scotland, has won the San Remo rally for the first time in his career. McRae, the former world champion, driving his Subaru Impreza 555, beat Carlos Sainz, of Spain, by 22sec in the penultimate event of the 1996 world rally championship. Sainz, in his Ford Escort Cosworth, narrowed the gap behind McRae by 10sec from the second stage on Tuesday, but was unable to catch him. McRae. 28, led throughout the three stages and completed the race in 4hr 26min 57sec. Bruno Thiry, of Belgium, also in a Ford Escort Cosworth, finished third.

Tommi Makinen, of Finland, who clinched the 1996

championship in Australia last month, was forced out in the opening stage on Monday when he crashed his Mitsubishi Lancer. The championship finishes with the Catalunya rally from November 3 to 6.

#### Davies hunts for more

GOLF: Laura Davies, of Great Britain, will be chasing a fourth Italian Open title in her final European appearance of the season, at 11 Picciolo, in Sicily, today. Davies, the winner of seven titles this year, needs a top-ten finish to overtake Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, who leads the European money-list by £97,804. Last year. Davies finished second to Annika Sorenstam, also of Sweden, on the moneylists on both sides of the Atlantic and she is well-placed to emulate Sorenstam, the US Open champion, this year. Davies is \$420 behind Karrie Webb, of Australia, who leads the LPGA money-list with winnings of \$827,903 (£535,000).

#### Cricket board backed

CRICKET: The National Cricket Association (NCA), which is responsible for youth and recreational cricket, has signalled its support for the new England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), which comes into being on January 1. The decision by the NCA's executive committee was welcomed by Tim Lamb, soon to be the chief executive of the ECB, who said: The NCA has demonstrated foresight and courage in overcoming a natural concern over change.

#### Leeds ignore Caspian

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Caspian group is likely to fail in its plan to move Leeds from Headingley to share Elland Road with Leeds United. The company, which took control of United during the summer, saw the rugby league club as part of a multisports package based around the football ground, which would also include ice hockey and basketball, but the idea angered both sets of supporters.

## England soldier on

SQUASH: England defeated New Zealand 2-1 in the last qualifying round of the women's world team championship in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, but a lacklustre performance did not augur well for their prospects of retaining the title. Cassandra Jackman, the defeated individual finalist, and Linda Charman were both stretched to five games, while Suzanne Horner virtually conceded the dead, second-string rubber.

## Hemp in demand

CRICKET: Warwickshire have made the first move to sign David Hemp, the England A batsman, after his decision to leave Giamorgan. Giamorgan are expected to approve Warwickshire's formal request to talk to Hemp. 25, when he becomes a free agent on November 1. Dermot Reeve, the former Warwickshire captain, has had further talks with Somerset about becoming their head of coaching.

#### SNOOKER

#### Parrott uses new cue to deadly effect

JOHN PARROTT, whose cue remains lost in the post, demonstrated that he has swiftly become accustomed to its replacement by beating Joe Johnson 5-4 in a high quality first-round match at the Grand Prix in Bournemouth yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Despite having employed the substitute model for only three weeks. Parrott compiled breaks of 103, 60 and, under pressure in the deciding frame, 62. The precarious margin of victory was more a product of Johnson's stubborness than Parrott inadequacies.

Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion and the tournament's No 4 seed, is relieved that the acclimatisation period with his new cue has been brief. "It hits the ball solidly and when I miss it is my fault." he said.

Tony Drago defeated Andrew Cairns, of Blackpool, 5-1. Drago constructed a 133 total clearance in the opening frame and was never serious ly challenged.

# FOR THE RECORD

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**BALLROOM DANCING** 

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MOTOR RALLYING

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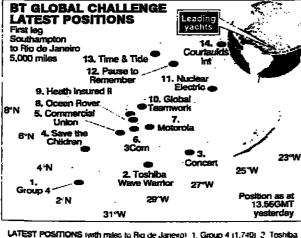
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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

I made a poor job of catering for bad breaks on this rubber bridge hand. Try playing Six Hearts on a club lead before

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Pass All Pass Contract: Six Clubs by South

I was South. Two points about the bidding. It would be wrong to force on the South hand over One Heart. As 1 had two suits I wanted to show, starting with Two Diamonds gave more room. North showed good appreciation of his hand when he jumped to Four Spades over Three Clubs — that was

clearly a cuebid agreeing clubs. I won the trump lead in hand with the seven. It seemed best to establish dummy's hearts, so I played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart with the club ace. Now, I was in a dilemma. If the hearts were dividing. I could handle a 4-1 club split by drawing trumps ending in dummy, but, if hearts were 4-2. I needed the trumps to be 3-2; I had to

overtake a trump to get to

dummy, and then ruff a heart

Lead; Six of clubs

high, and finally re-enter dummy with a spade ruff to draw the last trump. As trumps 4-1 was less likely than hearts 4-2, I took the second approach, which turned out to be the winning one. Do you see how I could have catered for both possibilities? I

should have cashed the ace and king of hearts at tricks two and three (if hearts are 5-1, 1 might still survive if diamonds lie favourably). Then, I ruff a third heart high and, when I find the bad news in that suit, I have to play for clubs 3-2. However, if, after the thirdround heart ruff, the hearts are established, I can just draw trumps, making the contruct even if the clubs are 4-1.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### **WORD-WATCHING**

By Philip Howard

**FACER** a. A type of falcon b. A bust c. A bully

GAYAL a. A flag b. An ox c. A mizzen sail a. The large gramme

b. A fabric c. A rum punch **FOWAGE** a. Assault and battery b. The cider vintage

Answers on page 50



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer title

The microcomputer world championship at Gunadarma University, Jakarta, Indonesia. finished yesterday with a victory by Shredder (programmed by Stefan Meyer-Kahlen, of Germany) scoring nine out of it. Shredder pushed betterknown programs, such as Fritz, down the field.

White Fritz

Fourteenth microcomputer world championship Jakarta. October 1996 Sicilian Defence

5 Bxd7+ Nxd7 Ngf6 e6 7 Bg5 8 Nc3 Be7 e5 Nxe5 0-0 Rh4 Rd3 23 axb5 24 bxa3 25 h3 35 Kg3 36 kl3 37 Bl4 38 Ke2

Bxh4

45 Bh2

47 Rd7

50 Bxts2

Black: Shredder

2 N/3 3 d4

White resigns Diagram of final position 4 3 2 1

Pxh2

Go championship

For devotees of the Oriental board game of Go, the 21st Meijin title match between Cho and Takemin is in progress in various cities of Japan. Cho leads 3-1 in a best-of-seven match. For up-to-date information, including game moves, you can access the Internet on the following site:

http://www.asahi.com/paper/ igo/indexe.html

If you have any difficulty locating the site, simply conduct a search for the word "Meijin". Also on the Internet, if you require information and links concerning other Oriental board games and mind sports, such as Shogi, the Japanese version of chess, a good general information point is the British Go Association site:

http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/people/ ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in

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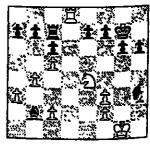
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Peresipkin — Tsheshkov. Soviet Union, 1976. This endgame looks balanced, but White now sported an unusual weakness in the black position which enabled him to win immediately. How?

Solution on page 50



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**RACING** Jockeys force meeting to be abandoned

By DICK HINDER

JOCKEYS refused to ride after The show of strength angered just one race of the Haydock Park meeting yesterday, causing the abandonment of the remainder of the card. The 21 jockeys involved in the Sycamore Nursery presented a united front and refused to take part.

They considered the course was unsafe - even though the stewards had given the goahead for racing to continue. The jockeys involved, including the reigning champion. Frankie Denori, and champion-elect. Par Eddery, face serious censure.

After riding in the first race, Walter Swinburn, who finished second on Outflanker. described the ground as "atrocious", while Dettori said: "I don't feel it's safe and all my colleagues agree with me." One of the main concerns

was slippery ground at the bend coming into the straight.

many racegoers, trainers and owners. The local stewards will submit a report on the affair to the Jockey Club.

Dettori, Swinburn, Michael and Richard Hills and several other jockeys inspected the track, in company with the stewards, after the first race. The riders were convinced that it could have resulted in an accident but the stewards were satisfied that it was safe

Bill Nunneley, the stewards' secretary, said: "I have never known anything like this before and it's a shame that it has happened. The stewards were happy to allow racing to go ahead, but were going to look at things again after the second race had been run. However, the majority of riders refused to go out for the second race and there was nothing more we could do

# **Arabian Story for** royal celebration

CHANNEL 4

2.35: Arabian Story can give the Queen her 600th winner. The progressive grey should resume winning ways after a below-par effort at Ascot. His stablemate, Shaft Of Light, returns after a lengthy absence but should ensure a sound pace, which will enable Arabian Story to pounce late. Dear Life, winner of his last two starts, is in fine heart. while Polydamas ran his best race when second to Shadow Leader six days ago,

3.10: The booking of Frankie Dettori for Daring Flight catches the eye and can complete a quick double for Lord Huntingdon. The Danzig colt appeared not to like the dead ground at Bath last time but looks an each-way proposition judged on his good fourth to. Tycoon Todd at York. Amyas York but the nursery was slowly run, which may make the form unreliable. Sharp Hat and Burlington House look fairly treated.

3.40: Lucayan Prince is the form choice judged on his victory in the Jersey Stakes and runner-up spot in the July Cup, but he is a tricky ride. With other hopefuls such as My Branch, Thrilling Day and Bishop Of Cashel also best when held up, this race may not be run to suit. especially as he is drawn on the wide outside. Bishop Of Cashel was slightly disappointing at Longchamp but he holds solid claims on his second to Mark Of Esteem at Goodwood and subsequent

victory at Doncaster. 4.15: This race looks ripe for an upset as most of the horses are out of form or possess long losing runs. No Cliches has decent form but is proving expensive to follow, having been runner-up on his last three starts. Serendipity has hardly been running with



distinction but has been taking on better opposition and he is a hopeful choice.

> REDCAR **CHANNEL 4**

2.55: Tomba should confirm recent Salisbury form when beating Speedball and Magical Times. Richard Hannon has an outstanding record in this race and he relies on Pelham from four entries. He may not have stayed seven turiongs at Goodwood last time and a reproduction of his previous effort when carrying top weight in a Kempton nursery would take him close. Proud Native has contested group two events on his last three starts and will appreci-

ate this easier company. Nigrasine is arguably the form choice judged on his second to Lima at Pontefract last month, but preference is for Much Commended, Geoff Wragg's filly has only raced once, but the form of her debut success at Nottingham has worked out brilliantly, with the runner-up and fifth winning subsequently.

3.25: Spanish Verdict may be a nine-year-old but he is as good as ever judged on his second here nine days ago. The step back to a mile should be in his favour. Densben, Murray's Mazda and Quilling are all in good form but arguably better over seven furlongs. Antarctic Storm may be a bigger danger.

RICHARD EVANS

#### NEWMARKET

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2.00 Marsh Marigold

3.10 HEART THROB (nap)

3.40 Bishop Of Cashel 4.15 Hardy Dancer 2.35 Dear Life

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,40 LUCAYAN PRINCE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Lucayan Prince. 4.50 CATCHABLE (nap).

GOING GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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3.10 BIRDCAGE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £6.992 6f) (18 runners) 

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3.40 CHALLENGE STAKES

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4.15 MILCARS LEASING HANDICAP (£3,840, 1m) (10 runners)

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4.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £7,281: 1m) (17 runners)

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#### REDCAR THUNDERER

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Much Commended.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.40 CUB HUNTERS RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,796: 1m) (9 runners) 

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FORM FOCUS DILAZAR 25/1 2nd oi 6 to Queens Correul in raind stakes at Thersk (1m. good) on perentimate start. QUELLING best Glowing Jacks neck in 10-curses bandcap at Reticar (7), firm) on perentimale start with MURRAY'S MAZIA (20) being nil) 344 4th FALED TO HIT best Stammery 151 to 6-curses metiden autom at Folkestone (6), good in Rum) on perentimate start. MR TEIGH 5%1 4th ni 8 to Embandment in raind stakes at Haydock (1m. good to firm). RAED neck 2nd of 14 to Master Beveled in Son VENUAL: 1 and 250 to 10 to **3.55** EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £3,834: 71) (7 numbers) 

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INSTRIAR (H AI Malagorn) P Wahnyn B-11

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MONREY ROMANCE (Frest) A John's 8-11.

MENSIES 54 (Prince A Fatal) J Dunkty 8-11.

MESIESWI HOUR 41 (Mrs. B Sangster) P Chappie-Hyam 8-11... BETTING: 7-4 Meshhed, 2-1 Amarylis, 7-2 Western Hour, 9-2 Bally Souge, 7-1 Molesar 10-1 gallers. 1995: GREEN CHARTER 8-11 W Ryan (4-1) H Cacil 12 ran

4.25 LEVY BOARD HAI DICAP (£3,605. 1m 5f 135yd) (15 runners)

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5.00 EGTON LIMITED STAKES (£3.173: 51) (12 runners)

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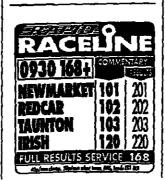
#### Injury causes Shaamit to

retire early

SHAAMIT. the Derby winner, was forced into premature retirement yesterday as a result of a tendon injury sustained during the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Plans to race the colt as a

Longchamp was much worse than first thought. Justin Wadham, managing director of Darley Stud management, announced the decision on behalf of Shaamit's Dubai-based owner, Khalifa Dasmal, who also bred the

Mitoto coit. But it left a huge gap in the stable strength of his Newmarket trainer, William Haggas, who had produced the colt to lift the Epsom classic on his first run of the season. Haggas, attending the Newmarket Sales yesterday, said: "From a personal point of view, I am very upset and now we have got to find another star."



# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park

Going: heavity
1.30 (71 30yd) 1, CATIENUS (A Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Outflanker (W R Swenburn, 5-1); 3, Right Wing (T Sprake, 6-1) ALSO RAN, 5 Moonlight Invades, Sparten Girt (4th), 12 Taipstein, 16 Rahve, Star Pracision (6th), 20 come 1 opporter (5th), 25 Hit The Flag 10 ran, NR: Favit, Top Of The Green, 8t, 3-4, hd, 3t, 4t M Stoute at Newmerket, Total 22,70, £1 20, £1 90, £2 60, DF; £4,90, Tho £1 90 CSF; £1,315. Remainder of meeting abandoned because of waterlogging.

Placepot £1.10. Jackpot: £4,40. four-year-old had to be can-Wetherby celled when a scan of the knock he received at Going: good to firm 2.20 (2m hdle) 1, LAGAN (A S Smith, 20-1); 2 Falcon'd Filters (R Gentity, 8-1); 3, Phantom Haze (N Bertiley, 9-2) ALSO RAN: 4-1 by Globe Runner (4th), 9-2

> RICHARD EVANS Nap: ARABIAN STORY (2.35 Newmarket) Next best: Much Commended (2.55 Redcar)

2.50 (3m III ch) 1. MONY-SKIP (R Guest, 5-2): 2. Commandeer (A S Smith, 10-1): 3. Delse Marshatt (A Meguira, 11-8 (ev) ALSO RAN 13-2 Cool Weather (Sth), 9 Cerson City (6th), 25 Culval Crossett (4th), 6 Culval Crossett (4t

21/10 CSF. 27/42
3.20 (2m hote) 1, DESERT FIGHTER (P Niven. 4-1); 2, Sarmatlen (R Gartiny, 5-1); 3, Prizetighter (O Peare, 8-4 (av) ALSO RAN 11-2 Direct Route (4th), 8 Done Wett (5th), 9 Shriling Edge (8th), 20 Rei Du Nord. 100 Tip It In 8 ran. 34, 81, 91, 91, 91 Mars M Revetley at Settburn. Total 55-20; £1-60. £1-90, £1-80. DF: £18-10 CSF £23-50 Tocast £23-28.

Glemat (J Osborne, 5-2); 3, De Jordsan (N Williamson, 20-1) ALSO RAW- 11-2; Lochwagnan (pu), B Cross Cannon (sh), 5 ran NR. Master Boston 3, 16l, 29l G Richards at Greystoke Tole: El 80, El 30, £1 50 DF £2 40 CSF £3 58 C1 50 OF 52 40 CSF 53 58
4.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, SHARE
OPTIONS (L Wyer, B-1), 2, Antarctic Wind
(R Gamty, 9-2); 3, Rightbeath (P Niven, 3-1
say) ALSO RANI-9-2 Penyler (4th), 6 Music
Bitz, 10 Rule Out The Rest (5th), 12
Penyleran (6th), 14 Millernium Mari. 16 Oxt
Ridge 20 Randquete, Euro Thyric, Evezo
Rufo, 33 Jean De Florette, Liebuoy, 50
Relaco Music, Willie Wannaba 16 ran, NR
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Easterby at Mellion, Tole, 59.40, 52 50,
51.60, 52.10 DF, £16.90, 7mo £21.20
CSF £47.08

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4.50 (5m 11 hole) 1, PESBLE BEACH (J. Callaghan, 5-11), 2. Smart Approach (P. Niver, Evens lavi); 3. Liftin Tincture (G. Niver, Evens lavi); 3. Liftin Tincture (G. Hohor, 7-2), ALSO RAN; 6 Garbo's Boy (4th), 16 Heddon Haugh (6th), 20 Cool Steel (5th), 33 Die Ole (20), 7 ran NR: Mrs. Robbrson 7, 188, 32 Hst, das G. Moore at Maddisham Tote: SS 70; 22:30, £1.50 DF, 53:20. CSF £10.50, Tincast; £18:07
Planeaget FSD-50. Ouerdoor 52:80. Placegot: \$50.50. Quadpot: \$2.80.

Exeter Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 3f hdie) 1, Castillow Crisis (S. Ryan, 11-4 lay), 2, Fawley Flyer (10-1); 3, Cathalker (S-1) 10 ran -41, 181, J. Mallins Total: 52.00, 51.40, 52.70, 52.70, 0F. £17.00, 7mo 581 60, CSF: 528 82 Tricast-5194.55. 2-40 (2m 3f hole) 1. Courbaril (G Supple, 5-4 (sv); 2. Rum Customer (12-1); 3. Crown Nory (33-1) 13 ran 10, 8f. M Pipe Tote: 52 00; 51-20, 64-30, 67,70. DF; 520:30 Trio C36:20 CSF; 519,03.

3.10 (2m 61 110)(i ch) 1, Pongo Waring (3 F Titley, 13-6 tai); 2, Frater Island (7-1); 3. Dubelle (15-2) 7 ran 8, 13l Mics H Knight Tote: 52.10; 52.10, 53.40, 0F: 521 20 CSF 2.12.03 3.40 (1m 5/ flat) 1, Shahrani (P Scuctamore, 2-7 fav); 2, Bright Septime (14-1), 3, Seaft (25-1), 9 ran 111, 81 M Pipe. Tota £1 44, C1 10, C1, D. £4 80. DF £1 70. Trio: £34.50 CSF: £7 32

4.10 (2m 1/110) d chi 1, Bishops Castle (J. Frost, 11-4); 2, Chuckabiddy (5-2 lav), 3, 1 Remember You (7-1), 7 ran 134, 13; 8 frost, 104; 22 80; 22:30, 22:00 DF £2:30 CSF, £9:62 4.40 (2m 1) 110yd hdle) 1, Creck On (A P McCoy, 7.4 (14ev); 2, Out Panking (7-4.4-lav), 3, Little Hooligan (9-4), 4 ran, 91, 201 P Hobbs, Tota: 62, 50, DF, 62, 70, CSF, 65, 05

5.10 (2m 11 110yd) 1, Last Laugh (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Dragoraria; (4-1), 3, Hyderafa (5-1) Kasanta 3-1 fav 8 ran Sh hd, 12 K Beiley, Tote: £4 80; £2 00, £1 70, £2 30 DF £5.30. CSF £19 70 Theast, £74 85. 3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, GENERAL E74.65. COMMAND (R Durwoody, 10-11 lev; 2, Placepot: £18.70, Quadpot: £11.00.

#### TAUNTON THUNDERER

1.50 Hever Gotf Diamond. 2.25 Almapa. 3.00 Henley Wood. 3.35 Ath Cheannaithe. 4.05 Mutazz. 4.35 Royal Hand. 5.10 Summerway Legend. Going: Firm

1.50 watchet juvenile novices claiming HURDLE (£1,837: 2m 1f) (11 nunners) 1 HEVER COLF DIAMOND 7 (F) T Hauption 11
11 CONTROSER? (CD.F) R First 11-4
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V Skatany
W McFartand
B Powell

7-4 Hever Golf Durmond, 4-1 Ceratosses, 5-1 Ben Bos Boy, 10-1 Red Time, 14-1 others 2.25 DONYATT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

India, 8-1 Androne

(£1,921: 2m 1f) (12) 

3.00 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,534: 3m) (6)

4 Drumoullen, 4-1 Nick The Dreams, 9-2 Herley Wood, 6-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: P. J. Hobbs, 21 winners from 80 numers, 26 3%; M. Pipe, 35 from 153, 22 9%, P. Nicholle, 8 from 69, 11 6%, Mrs S. Williams, 3 from 28, 10 7%. Only qualifiers. JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 11 winners brain 38 rides, 28 9%, A P McCoy, 11 from 61, 16 0%; D Bridgisales, 13 from 75, 17 3%, A Magaine, 5 from 31, 16 1%, N Wilhamson, 4 from 27, 14 8%, G Tourney, 3 from 21, 14 3% 3.35 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,390: 2m 1f) (13) 22.3 SUITHERN RIDGE 35 (D.G) R Fixet 5-11-5. Mr A Holdsworth
2 P. ANDTHERN RIDGE 35 (D.G) R Fixet 5-10-12 O Burrows (7)
3 40-5 DESERT CALM 35F Hardley 5-10-12 P Holley
4 O'AR CLIBE 15F J Bradley 5-10-12 N Williamstoo
5 /5-0 DLD MASTER 14 R Rates 5-10-12 N Williamstoo
7 32 SECOND COLDURS 14 M Pige 5-10-12 S Burrows
9 6-0 ALL SEWN LIP 33 R Baley 4-10-11 D Rotopater
10 MR JASPER 470F N Thornson 4-10-11 D Rotopater
11 MSTIC LEGIBLE 317 J Sheetham 4-30-11 P Holley
12 P-2 TOMAL 8 R Ingram 4-10-11 P Adoptin
13 OS LONGER A 192 R Alex 6-10-7 P Hestey (5)
14 MC Cheanagache, 7-2 Second Colours, 9-2 Southern Ridge, 7-1 Tomal 8-1 3-1 Ath Cheannache, 7-2 Second Colours, 9-2 Southern Rodge, Desert Cahn, 12-1 Lamcera, 14-1 Mr Cube, 16-1 others 4.05 cavendish technology handicap HURDLE (£2,736: 2m 3( 110yd) (5)

4 /02 EMPEROR CHANG 12 (F) N Warner 9-10-8 Tolestombe (3) 5 0-23 ZINSIBAR 12 (S) J Brackey 4-10-1 N Williamson 5-4 Numez, 5-2 Paser Monenty, 5-1 Take A Phys., 6-1 Emperor Chang. 8-1 Torostor.

4.35 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,788; 2m 110yd) (4) 

4-6 Tarrayestelign, 9-4 Piceal Hand, 5-1 Larks Tall, 12-1 Cookeen Hero. 5.10 OCTOBER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,194: 2m 1f) (14)

1 5 MOONIJGHT ESCAPADE 98 (G) R Hodges 5-11-11 T Dascombe (3) 21 RED TEL 57 (F) M Pape 4-11-10 . . . . . . 27 RED TEL 57 (P) M Pipe 4-11-10 C Maude
DON'T ARGUE'S Knight 5-11-4 Miss L Blackford
MODEN VALLEY R Flora 4-11-3 J Frost
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ROWELT JACK A Commignam-Brown 4-11-3 C Userwifen
WEATHER MISS W G M Turns 4-11-3 M Winghington (7)
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Classic Cliche, owned by Godolphin, has been ruled out of the Foster's Melbourne Cup and will not run again this season. His participation has been in doubt since he finished last in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 6.

\*\* Tree umbrella will be sent within 7 to 10 days of your first bet being placed. CHALLENGE STAKES 7 furlongs, Newmarket 3.40pm. Live on O+4 TV. 15/8 Charnwood Forest 9/4 Lucayan Prince 5/2 Bishop Of Cashel 12/1 My Branch 12/1 Thrilling Day 16/1 Polar Prince 20/1 Daring Destiny 150/1 Troon Each way One Fifth the odds a place 1, 2, 3 Prices subject to fluctuation. Available up to 3.25 pm. Tattersalls Rule 4 fct may apply. Non-runner – no bet. LATEST ODDS ON WITHIN HIT TO TEXT - THREST OF CHARGOSTER TO OPEN A CRECIT ACCOUNT PREEPHONE DROD 289 892 WILLIAM HALL PUNES APPLY

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# Far better to play a blinder than the fool

Beware the sporting gesture. The victory salute, the shaken fist, the V-sign, the dramatic protest, the heavy-handed joke -they can all go very wrong.

Just ask Mark Bosnich. He was

hired by Aston Villa as a goalkeeper. not a comedian, and right now he probably wishes that he had stuck to the script; but, like so many other sportsmen these days.

he has fallen into the trap of confusing his role in what is now a highly-paid branch of the entertainment in-

At White Hart Lane. on Saturday, in response to taunting by the Tottenham Hotspur supporters, Bosnich gave a mock Nazi salute with one gloved finger

of the Hitler moustache. Despite his protestations that it was just a Basil Fawlty-type joke, and not a calculated insult to Tottenham's Jewish support. Bosnich finds himself in deep trouble. He faces a police inquiry and the Football Association has charged him with misconduct.

stuffed beneath his nose in mimicry

Jewish). Bosnich has even received death threats from Israel. The unfortunate Bosnich, an Australian of Croatian stock, is guilty of

According to his agent (himself

being an idiot not to realise the painful implications of his joke — and, however quick he was to apologise and explain, he will find that the incident will haunt him throughout his career.

He is by no means the first sportsman to find that a spur-of-themoment gesture has threatened dire punishment. Harvey Smith, the showjumper, famously found himself before the stewards of the British 'Referees

Showjumping Associ-ation in 1971 charged with making an offensive gesture with two recognise Smith and his barris-

a joke' ter turned up with a case stuffed full of photographs of Winston Churchill giving his version of the victory sign — and he was cleared of misconduct much to the delight of his followers. Smith is just one example in a catalogue of sport's bad boys disciplined for aggressive gestures to the crowd.

In cricket, David Gower was captured on camera flicking a V-sign at jeering supporters at Old Trafford. In swimming. Tony Jarvis, Great Britain's one-time Olympic captain, found himself dropped from the national team after angry gestures to the crowds. In tennis, Buster Mottram, of Britain, upset everyone **BRYANT'S** 

by raising two defiant fingers to a defeated Rhodesian.

Despite the best efforts of officials, such villainous behaviour can quickly become part of a player's appeal and thus a conscious element in his performance. Who can pretend that they watched a John McEnroe or a Vinnie Jones just to admire the finer points of their play?

Other crowd-pleasers are more clown than villain. Spectators expect to be entertained and players are encouraged to fool around as if they are being auditioned for Question of Sport or They Think It's All Over. There is none greater at playing the fool than Paul Gascoigne.

In one game last season, Gascoigne was even booked for booking the referee. When a yellow card dropped from the referee's pocket in a game between Rangers and Hibernian at Ibrox Stadium. Gascoigne picked it up and waved it at the official. The stands rocked with laughter, but the referee promptly

booked him for the gesture. Gascoigne got himself into more trouble when he celebrated his first goal for Rangers by mirning playing endear him to the tradi-

tionally Protestant sup-porters of Rangers that enraged the Catholic supporters of Celtic, their greatest rivals. Referees do not often recognise a joke. When

Ruben Oliveira, of Uruhis career' guay, chose to show his appreciation of an opponent who had missed a seemingly certain goal by giving him a kiss, he was sent off while the crowd were still laughing.

The occasions when gestures are meant to be taken seriously are rare. One such was in 1968, at the Olympic Games in Mexico City, when Tommie Smith and John Carlos, the American sprinters, gave gloved "Black Power" salutes on the rostrum after the 200 metres. Yet there was a time when the Nazi salute was all too real an issue in sport. In 1936, at the Olympic Games in Berlin, teams had to decide whether

giving him the salute at the opening ceremony. The French march-past raised a deafening and appreciative cheer from the German crowd as all 250 in the team gave Hitler the raised-arm salute.

The British caused angry muttering in the stands by settling for a begrudging "eyes right", with no hand signals. The

'It will

haunt him

throughout

Americans gestured their disappoval by falling back on a tradition that they had established in 1908 and refusing to dip the Stars and Stripes "to any earthly

However, the most effective gesture of all in those Games came from Jesse Owens, the black sprinter and superstar of their team. To the dismay of the Führer, he won four gold medals.

It was a gesture more potent than any clenched fist or taunting V-sign. a demonstration of athletic magic and sporting entertainment that no clowning could hope to match. Perhaps Bosnich and his fellow clowns should remember that. Jokes and gimmicks are all very well, but the display of effortless superiority in sport is the greatest gesture of all.

JOHN BRYANT

## David Powell meets a former Olympic finalist who is on the dole

# Adam determined to win toughest race of his life

💙 ix days a week, he takes the SOp bus ride to training, his BMW sports car parked in the garage. He can no longer afford the insurance and petrol. not on his fortnightly dole cheque for E95. Marcus Adam is officially unemployed. He would rather think of himself. still, as a professional athlete.

He has been running at a loss for three years. Adam did not race at all in 1994 or 1995 and competed only three times this year, looking something less than a professional sprinter. He was consigned to a B race in the British League. failing to win even that; a medal-winner, but only bronze in the South of England championships; eliminated in the semi-finals of the British Olympic trials.

Yet, for nine consecutive years, from his first youth international in 1984 to 1992. Adam got faster and faster. The next British superstar". Athletics Today magazine suggested in 1990. Few who saw his victory in the Commonwealth Games in Auckland that year would have disagreed. He ran a superb 200 metres, holding the bend beautifully and forcing John

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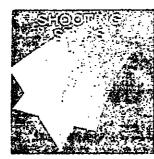
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These are just a few of the interesting and unusual gifts in The Render's

timeless pleasure?



Regis to settle for the silver

A month later, Linford Christie suffered his first indoor defeat by a Briton for two years when Adam won the 200 metres at RAF Cosford in a match against East Germany. A month after that, Adam. then 22, a Belgrave Harrier. won over the indoor lap for Great Britain against Russia and the United States. In second place: Michael Johnson. Not the Johnson we know now, but, even then, a 20,07sec

200 metres runner outdoors. By 1992, Adam was a Barcelona Olympic finalist on fourfigure appearance fees and wealthy enough to run a home, a car and to finance six months' training in California. He went there with Regis and Tony Jarrett, who would

go on to take world championship silver medals in Stuttgart the next summer. Adam watched that meeting on television, his own career dispatched to the injury channel. On the track you live in a wonderland," Adam said. Injuries to both Achilles tendons, a rupture to the right, bursitis to the left, took him to the other side of the looking-glass.

By the time he found appropriate treatment - it was not until October last year that he underwent a second operation - Adam had missed the best part of three years. "When I was doing it [winning], I had people ringing up. saying, 'Come here, come there'." Adam said. "As soon as you hit rock bottom, the phone does not ring anymore. People do not want to know you. You become a nobody.

He has lost all his sponsorship deals and may soon have to sell his car. "It has been suffering all the way along, no money coming in, just the dole cheque," he said. "My auntie helps me out with food, and there have been a few friends who have supported me financially. I thought I had a lot of friends in track and field, but there have been only a few who have kept in touch."

They may return if Adam proves as fit as he says he is and if he can keep clear of injuries. He is training, he said, six times a week for five or six hours. "I have done a year of background work and I am fitter now than I have ever been." he said. "If I do not get injured, you are going to see something awesome. I am sure I can run 20.5sec indoors this winter."

Outdoors, Adam has designs not just on making the Great Britain team for the world championships in Athens. but reaching the final. "I am going to run extremely fast, faster than I have in my life." he said.



Adam claims to be fitter than ever and is ready to resume his sprinting career

Adam promised much not only at 200 metres, but also at 100 metres. In the Commonwealth Games, he was outdipped by Bruny Surin, who went on to finish runner-up to Donovan Bailey in the world championships last year. In Auckland. Surin ran 10.12sec. Adam 10.14sec. John Isaacs, then Adam's coach, said that he would be the first Briton to follow Christie under ten seconds. We are still waiting for

him, or anybody else. There is no self-delusion by Adam that he might still be ahead of Johnson today had he been more fortunate, though

he claims that he would have won more medals. "John |Regis| came back from California in 1993 and ran 19.94sec and I would have gone under 20 seconds as well." Adam said. "I could have been up there with them, most definitely. Could have, would have, but it did not happen."

One reason Adam, now 28, gives for his optimism that he can set new personal bests is that his present ones were achieved when he smoked, drank and partied. "I was smoking 30-40 cigarettes a day, 60 if I really got bored," he said. It may seem improbable, but he insists that it is true. A more disciplined lifestyle would lead, inevitably, to improvement.

"If I am successful again, I will have outside interests to keen me stimulated." he said "In those days I could drink, I could smoke, I could run fast. I have not got the money to do those things now. I do not go out. I head to the track, I come

Has a promising career been stubbed out? Or will Marcus Adam light up once more and leave the opposition trailing in his smoke? The next 12 months should tell.

#### SAILING

## **Capstick celebrates** a special delivery

BT Global Challenge pick up steady southeasterly winds. indicating that they may now be through the Doldrum belt. there has been special excite-ment on board Ocean Rover at the news of the birth of a daughter to Jim and Tracey Capstick (Edward Gorman writes).

Tracev, who has written for The Times about her battle to come to terms with being separated from her husband as a result of his participation in the race, gave birth late on Tuesday. Her husband, who is around 1,900 miles from Rio in mid-Atlantic, was immediately informed via Portishead

In a short message yester-day from Humphrey Walters. one of Capstick's fellow crew members, the mood of celebration was obvious. "PS from Ocean Rover. the message read. "Sorry, but we have just heard Jim Čapstick has a baby girl. He is overcome with emotion and is having a fag.



Global Challenge

Capstick's third child and follows their two boys, now aged seven and ten. "I am delighted," Capstick said later. "I was going to name her after the Ocean Rover crew, but perhaps Geor-

The latest arrival is the

gia is a bit more concise. I can't wait to see her and I just wish I could have been with Mike Golding, on Group 4

continues to lead the race and looks the favourite to be first into Rio. Still the most westerly boat of the 14-strong fleet, he again recorded the highest 24-hour run yesterday. 177 miles, and appears to be through the Doldrums.

BT Global chart, page 48

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** European Cup Winners' Cup Second round, first leg FC Sion v Liverpool (7.0) Uefa under-18 championship Qualifying match

Scotland v Wales (at Roda Raalte Stadium, Holland, 2 30) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: West Bromwich v Leicesler (7 0) SCHOOLS MATCHES English Schools Full Film Trophy: Second round: Rotherham v Huddersheld fal Ratherham Undod FC. 7 D) Hertfordshire Longue (4 30) Daconum v North Herts, Loa Volley v Mid Horts Watford v St Albans

OTHER SPORT GOLF. Toyota World Malchplay Champ ionship (a) Weniworth) GOLF. Toyota World Malchplay Champ-onship (a) Wentworth alchague; Ayr v Manchester (6.30). Bosingstole v Newcastlo (7.40). SMOOKER: Grand Prix (in Boumermouth) SPEEDWAY: Promier League; Ipc.wich v Swindon (7.30). TENNS: Teuson women's challenger tour-nament (in Caroliff).

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

(c) One who puts on a bold face, one who boasts or swaggers, a braggart, bully. From face. Latin facies. Latimer, sermon 1550: "Nay: there be no greater tattlers, nor boasters nor facers than GAYAL

(b) A semi-domesticated kind of ox common in Burma. Assam and Bengal. By some believed to be a variety of Gaur. By others regarded as a distinct species (Bibos frontalis). "When a rich man has made a contract of marriage, he gives four or five head of gayals (the cattle of the mountains) to the father and mother of the bride."

GROGRAM (b) A coarse fabric of silk. of mohair and wool, or of these mixed with silk: often stiffened with gum. An adaptation of the French gros grain large or coarse grain. FOWAGE

(c) A kind of feuage or hearth tax, from the French feu a fire. "What were the fowage and the subsidies when bread was but four mites that's now a groat?" SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Ndb: exdb (or 2. NeS follows): 2, exdb and the black rook is trapped and so White emerges with rook against bishop and an easy win on material.

RADIO CHOICE

# A fly on the school wall

I must remind you of something special that is happening on Ruscoe I must remind you of something special that is happening on Ruscoe on Five every day this week. It is Mark Smalley's fly-on-the-wall reports on practically every facet of life at Yorkmead Primary School in Hall Green. Birmingham. So far. I have learnt a great deal about the heavy load that is being carried by the head "more a social worker than a head", the handling of disruptive pupils, and the roles played by parents and governors. Today, it is the worrying problem of how to meet the demands of the national curriculum: less time for the three Rs because extra subjects have to be macked into an already. the three Rs because extra subjects have to be packed into an already overloaded day. Tomorrow, there is a live discussion about the curriculum. I predict that some heat will be generated.

The Joke. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Stephen Mollett's drama about a Hungarian exile's return to Budapest 40 years after the Soviet invasion, complements yesterday's Radio 4 documentary. Where is 1956? which used the same framework. The difference is that The Joke is fiction. It employs that useful dramatic device: "Subject: blood is thicker than water. Discuss." John dramatic device: "Subject: blood is thicker than water. Discuss. John Nettles plays the consultant who goes to Budapest to advise on the demolition of a block of dwellings and their replacement by a project that is commercially preferable. A reunion with his aunt (Pauline Letts) causes him to change his plans — to work on building something up instead of knocking something down. Peter Davalle

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#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, Incl 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast
Programme, incl 6.55 and 7.55 Racing
Preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Brian
Hayes, Incl 10.35 News from Europe
12.00 Midday with Malr, Incl 12.35pm
Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five. See
Choice 4.00 Nationwide, Incl at 5.45
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Incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 The
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SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd 9.35
America Graffitti, with Jonathan America Graffith with Jonathan Freedland 10.05 News Talk with Paul Reynolds 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05am After Hours — Sanderson 12.05em Aller Early Call 2.05 Up All Night

#### TALK RADIO

5.00em Early Breakfast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10,00 James Whate 1,00em Ian Coltins 5.30am Europe 10.39 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Spons Roundup 8.15 Oit the Shett 8.30 Network Uk. 9.10 Composer of the Morth 9.45 Health Matters 10.05 Business 10.15 Sports Roundup 10.45 Sport 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelt 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Islam Ealth and Power 3.05 German 1.05 Business 1.16 Britain Today 1.30 Islam, Faith and Power 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Muhitrack 4.06 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.05 World Today 6.25 Take Five 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Islam, Faith and Power 9.05 Outlook 9.25 Words of Takin 9.30 John Beat 10.08 Bestiness Faith 9.30 John Peel 10.05 Busines 10.15 Grian Today 10.30 Mendan 11.30 World Today 11.45 Spor 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Soundbyle 12.30 Bhangra Beal 1.30 Good Books 1.45 Emetin Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 World of Faith 3.30 Thirty-Minute Drame 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

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4.00am Mark Gnifiths 6.00 Mike Read
9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah
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J S Bach (Concerto for Flute, Violen and
Harpsichord) 3.00 Jamie Cinci- 6.00
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(Oboe Sonata, Op 166) 7.00 Travel
Guide Chicago 8.00 Evening Concert
Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme
of Thomas Tallis, Oboe Concerto). ot Thomas Tallis, Oboe Concerto), Saint-Saens (Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor. Op 61: Symphony No 3 in C minor. Op 78. Organ) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FMI) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

#### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes am On Air. Includes Beethoven (String Cluartet in C. Op 59 No 3. Rasumovsky);

Italien) 9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Handel (Sonata in G minor, Op 1 No 2) Berlioz (La

Mort de Sardanapale); Strauss (Don Quixote) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Indudes Sweelinck (Bello del Granduca); Gay (The Beggar's Opera, excerpts). Artist of the Week: Mitsuko

Uchida

12.00 Composer of the Week;
Franck, Gillian Weir taks
about Franck's organ music and plays Chorale No 1 in E 1.00pm News; Bel Canto Voices

his wife Joan Sutherland
2.00 Schoenberg and Reger at
Princeton. Martin Souter.

Princeton. Martin Souter.
organ. Includes Schoenberg
(Variations on a Recitative, Op
40): Reger (Benedictus. Op
59 No 9)
3.10 Bech. Sonatz in G, BWV1039.
Jean-Pierre Rampal and Alain
Marion, flutes, Robert VeyronLacrok, harpsichord, Jordi

Savall, viola da gamba 3.25 Out of the Air. Poet Dannie Abse remembers the impact of the Third Programme
3.30 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales. conductor Mark

Wigglesworth, Thomas Zehetmar, violin, Includes Berg (Violin Concerto) Ravel (La Valse) 5.00 Music Machine, Tommy unconventional tunings

5.15 in Tune. Live from the Tate Gallery, London, with Natalie Wheen including interviews Prudential Awards for the Arts
7.30 The Controllers' Concerts. Live from Crippleg London, Nicholas I chosen Ockeohem (Missa

Prolationum, Kyrie, Gloria); Bach (Canonic Variations on Von Himmel Hoch, BWV769): Ockeghem (Missa
Prolationum, Credo); Bach
(The Art of Fugue, BWV1080,
excerpts); Brahms (Missa
Canonca); Machaut (Ma Fin
est mon Commencement).

BBC Singers, Kevin Bowyer, organ, Hilfiard Ensemble under Stelan Parkman The knowing, by the American poet Sharon Olds 9.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC

Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jerzy Maksymiuk, Peter Lawson, piano. Watton (Overture Portsmouth Point): Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1): Copland (Four Dances hore

Rodeo) 10.00 Music Restored, George Pratt at the 1996 York Early Music Festival

10.45 Night Waves. Playwight Harold Pinter talks to his biographer Michael Billingtor biographer Micheel Billington

11.30 Composer of the Weelc

Smetana. Includes Vivace –

Nationalism; String Quartet

No 1 in E minor (From My
Life, 4th mvt; Festival

Overture in D)

12.30am Jazz Notes, Sleve Voce
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talks to George Wein and Emie Garside 1.00 Through the Night

about their experiences in

investigates 8.45 The Writer's Day Out. The

series in which writers best known for creating fiction become reporters for the day 9.00 Does He Take Suger? The

9.30 Kaledoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Fluke

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#### RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waits In 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 And I'm the Queen of 6.30 And I'm the Queen of Sheba. Ken Lungstone, MP. chairs a panel game about hes and decert With guests Neit Mullarkey, Hattie Hayridge, Tony Hawks and Mark Steel 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 It's Not Enough to Be Hungarian. Peter Sasdy taks to Hungarian strongtants about their experiences in with John Waite (r)
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programme that attempts to ind a common ground between two apparently reconcilable positions 10.00 News; King Solomon's Carpet (FM), written by Barbara Vine, adapted by Nick Eigher, West Mark Str. their adopted homeland 8.00 Analysis: Breaking the Logjam. Will the talks about the luture of Northern Ireland Succeed? Brendan O'Leary

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Correspondent. Reports from BBC correspondents around the world 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Questions of Taste. Chris Kelly hosts the leaththearted of the second of lighthearted culmary quiz With Valentina Harris, Feith Barron, Ampley Harriot and Nigella Lawson 12.55

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1994 Paris stage hit which
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translation by Christopher
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Finney and Tom Courtena;
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Irish author Frank McCourt
4.45 Short Story; Discovering
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11.00 Untitled Play, by Sam McCarrney With George Parsons and Tessa Worsley 11.30 Ad Lib. Robert Robinson

meets a group of vicars' daughters (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late
Book Primary Colors The anonymously authored besiseller read by Clarke Peters (4/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 Ask World Service

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# A good night on BBC2, but don't quote me

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worrying time for anyone with a gift of quotation last night, because the first instalment of Testament: the Bible in Animation (BBC2) kept coming up with fabulous, deathless lines which somehow we'd never heard before. "Haul back the daylight," cries Pharoah in anguish, carrying his dead son in his arms: his small figure seen from above, as a small dor. "Everything I love," he bemoans, in close-up. "Why can I keep nothing? I had a friend among the Hebrews once." Meanwhile Moses stands on a cliff above the Red Sea, his white hair flowing, staff in hand, commanding the waves. And the temptation to comment in a big deep voice Blow winds and crack your cheeks is almost overwhelming. I enjoyed Testament so much I watched it twice. Such grandeur you don't expect at 7pm. The vocal

Moses were splendid, and Nigel Forde's script not only added thoughtful themes (such as an invented childhood friendship between Moses and his oppressor). but spared us the plague of boils, which was a relief. Only the animation style (by Gary Hurst) was hard to get used to, Long, angular people never went anywhere without long, angular shadows. Their faces split straight down the middle between light and dark, and they all had chins that jutted forward, like Desperate Dan. Pharmah's sidekick had a jackal-head (literally) but everyone was too polite to mention it.

Personally, I was never too happy about the Animated Shakespeare project - the bare hones of the story being generally the least satisfying aspect of a Shakespeare play. But bits of the Bible are fair game, especially as the Englishspeaking world has long stopped making biblical epics, and all the

theatrical sandal-makers, camelhandlers, and burning-bush specialists have gone tragically bellyup. Last night's 30-minute Moves is probably the first such drama since Burt Lancaster starred in Muses the Lawgiver, all of 20 years ago. Last year I met an actor who was just heading for North Africa to play Samson's Dad in a new film, and it sounded wildly improbable, like an exercise in time travel.

fill on BBC2 (but changing the subject) one of the incidental delights of Two Fat Ladies is that the innerant cooks are like tiresome parents in a play by Feter Nichols - they can never let a trigger-word pass without supplying the appropriate adage

ur quote. "Wake up Jennifer," you can imagine Clarissa Dickson Wright saying to her companion, "Right-oh. Christians awake, salute the REVIEW



happy morn," replies her chum, cheerfully. If they are having trouble with a map, they are poor little lambs that have lost their way. When they stand on the deck of a fishing boat, they are obliged to say "Captain, art thou sleeping down below?". Jennifer wipes her fingers and declares that all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten those little hands. "It looks rather like a Union Jack," says Jennifer, indicating a mentioaf with criss-crossed bacon on its back. "Rule. Britannia," sings Clarissa, without hesitation,

Two Fat Ladies is terrific telly. partly because the food is as big and forthright as the presenters. Eating low-fat rice pudding from a tin while Jennifer Paterson "squished" lamb's kidneys into a big bowl full of raw organic mince. I suddenly saw myself through her eyes, and felt ashamed of such a weedy diet. "Out, vile jelly," I said therefore, and tipped it in the bin. Last week Jennifer waved a big spoon at the camera and told us to stop thinking of yoghurt as a substitute for cream: "Yoghurt is very good for your breakfast, or if you have a poor tummy, or if you're a vegetarian or something. But for cream, there is ... Nothing. Better. Than Cream."

Some of the stooging is a bit too silly, but the cooking is wonderful and I like the way they "slosh it in"

and "muck it about a bit" - which and deathly speed. My only mis-Delia Smith has never been known to do. And meanwhile there's all that press-button quoting to enjoy. "Gone, gone, and never called me mother hasn't come up yet, so watch out.

ow boring when all the telly is good - but that's BBC2 for you. Last night's Decisive Weapons (BBC2) was another fascinating programme in an excellent series, this week examining the longbow, and squaring up to the heroic Henry V myth of "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers". Agincourt was a great turning point in the history of war, when for the first time "knights were shot at by peasants". Sean Bean narrated again, and Robert Hardy made a guest appearance, because he's written a book about longbows (how odd). Whizz, whizz, boing, thud went the arrows, at alarming

giving about the programme was about the people who might be watching it - people whose handguns had just been banned, for inslanæ.

Beck (BBCI) is still on the runway as a drama series, even after three episodes. It just can't get airborne. Perhaps the problem is that Beck is too independent and cheerful: when her men squabble over her, she just thinks they are stupid, and gets a bag of chips. Last night's story concerned a man intent on suicide. Beck tracked him to the Lake District, but didn't have anything to tell him to change his mind. In fact she found him just as he had swallowed a lethal dose of pills, and was wading into

Too late, was it? Oh yes. Or as Jennifer and Clarissa would perhaps have said: Too late, too late. shall be the cry. Arnold the icecream man's gone by."

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (95746) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax)

performances of Simon Callow

and Martin Jarvis as Pharoah and

9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (\$)(2200123) 9.45 KILROY (\$) (2030104)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (5) 11.00 NEWS (Ceetax) and weather (6614123) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (S)

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1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceetax) (s) (44123949) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (5307) 2.30 THE TERRACE (s) (369) 3.00 INCOGNITO Quiz (s) (4814)

3.30 LITTLE BEAR (8) (7150340) 3.55 THE CHIPMUNKS (r) (s)(2707320) 4.20 JULIA JEKYLL AND HARRIET HYDE (Ceefax) (s) (8520475) 4.35 SMART (Ceefax) (s) (4733320) 5.00 NEWSROUND (Ceefax) (2100123) 5.10 BYKER GROVE (Ceefax) (6206727)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (357543) 6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (758) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (678) 7.00 WATCHDOG presented by Anne

Robinson (Ceetax) (s) (9123) 7.30 EASTENDERS Cindy manages to deceive Kathy but lan is not so easily looled. David leaves nothing to chance (Ceetax) (s) (562)

8.00 ANIMAL HOSPITAL Another visit to the RSPCA's Harmsworth Memorial Hospital (Ceefax) (s) (5543)

8.30 THE HELLO GIRLS Cornedy set in a telephone exchange in 1959. Sylvia must put her personal problems aside when a suicidal caller comes on the line. With

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and

9.30 THE X FILES: OUBLIETTE Mulder suspects that a young woman, who was kidnapped as a child, has made a psychic connection with a missing eanger (Ceelax) (s) (514036)

10.15 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER This week's guests are Mark Hurst and Dermot Reeve (Ceelax) (s) (578475) 10.45 QUESTION TIME from Landon. The

panel includes MPs Michael Heseltine and Margaret Beckett, Chris Haskins, the chairman of Northern Foods, and Sheila (Ceefax) (544678) 11.45 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK (r)

(Ceelax) (s) (160776) 12.20am FILM: CHINA CRY (1990) starring Julia Nickson Soul A fact-based drama about a woman's search for justice in

1950s China. Directed by James F. Collier (158811) 2.00 WEATHER (8003789)

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6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY 7.15 SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceelax and signing) (6071272) 7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (1) (4448253) 7.55 BLUE PETER (r) (Ceelax) (SI (8507630) 8.20 NODDY (r)

(s) (1249036) 8.35 THE RECORD (5) (8964104) 9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: THE IT COLLETION (2288901) 9.25 THE ART (5325765) 9.45 WRITING AND

PICTURES (1659017) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (70340) 10.30 STORYTIME (1797388) 10.45 TEACHING TODAY (416036) 11.15 WELSH HISTORY -FAMOUS PEOPLE (9451291) 11.35 LANDMARKS: INVESTIGATING LOCAL HISTORY (3635611) 11.55 BELIEF FILE: CHRISTIANITY IN BRITAIN (1611017) 12.15pm HALLO AUS BERLIN (7104017)

12.30 WORKING LUNCH (12727) 1.00 LIFESCHOOL (85438794) 1.25 MAD ABOUT MUSIC (17160524) 1.45 NUMBERTIME (57176104) 2.00 NODDY (r) (s) (18384185)

2.10 GOLF: TOYOTA WORLD MATCH PLAY Steve Rider introduces live coverage from the West Course, Wentworth (s) includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3,55 (79575659) 5.20 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW

(Ceelax) (s) (9086036) 6.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE Science fiction drama series. (Ceetax) (s)

8.45 QUANTUM LEAP. Off-beat adventures of a time-trapped scientist. Sem Beckett goes back to 1961 and finds himself as a chimpanzee in a space capsule. Starring Scott Bakula (r)(Ceefax) (892340) 7.30 REGIONAL PROGRAMMES (104)

8.00 THE WORKS: THE MAN WHO WANTED TO FLY (Ceetax) (s) (3185)

8.30 TOP GEAR A guide to the Motor Show at the NEC, Birmingham (Ceefax) (s) (5920)



Gary Bakewell as Richard (9.00pm)

9.00 NEVERWHERE in the conclusion of the urban tantasy Angel has the key in his possession and there is only one person who can stand between him and his ambition With Gary Bakewell, Laura Fraser, Hywel Bennett and Clive Russell (Ceetax) (s) (6630)

9.30 THE SYSTEM: Incapacity (Ceetax) (s) (72098) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT with Jeremy Paroman (Ceetax) (602185)

GOLF: TOYOTA WORLD MATCHPLAY Steve Rider introduces 11.15 GOLF: highlights of the opening round from the

West Course, Wentworth (s) (429949) 12.05em GRACE UNDER FIRE American cornedy series (s) (7522321) 12.30-6.00 THE LEARNING ZONE

CHOICE

The Works: The Man Who Wanted To Fly BBC2, 8.00pm (Wales 7.30pm; Scotland tomorrow 7.15pm; not Northern Ireland) An exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London is the peg for this film about Paul Nash, an official war artist in both the World Wars. Perhaps the only grumble about a thoroughly competent exercise, which deals equally effectively with the artist and the private man and makes the necessary connections between them, is that half an hour is not enough. Nash deserves at least an hour is not enough. Nash deserves at least an Omnibus. But a lot is conveyed in a short space, with Nash's lesser-known Second World War aircraft paintings genting as much attention as his farmously ravaged landscapes of the Western Front. The programme also reminds us of Nash's very different peacetime work. Helping to provide context and illumination are full Craigie, who made a documentary about Nash in who made a documentary about Nash in 1942, and The Times's Richard Cork.

Channel 4, 8.00pm

Adam Faith's latest entertaining trawl through ways of making money and saving it features a couple who won £368,000 on the National Lottery through departing by mistake from their usual numbers formula. It is a fip we could all try but we might be on firmer ground following the advice of Antonia Swinson, who claims to have cut her weekly grocery bill from £100 to £60 by shopping around. Except that many of us haven't the time or patience to discover that one supermarket's margarine is selling for lp a tub less than another's. The week's most intriguing story is of the former naval officer turned carpet salesman. He has used his redundancy money to buy a franchise and promises to set the South West humming. People of Devon and Cornwall, beware.

Thief Takers

Not for the first time in the Flying Squad series, the regular cast is upstaged by a one-off character. The excellent Scottish actor Douglas Henshall plays the getaway driver-tor a gaing of armed robbers and we learn more about him in ten minutes than we seem destined ever to know about Reece Dinsdale's DI Charlie Scott and his team. Given his opportunity by a script which portrays his character as a troubled homosexual, emotionally dependent on a father who is dying of cancer. Henshall does not scorn it. But rounded portraits are the exception in a series which relies for its impact on action rather than words. And action we get, as Henshall is enlisted as a police informer but seized by last-minute panic as the gang prepares to ram-raid a building society with a forklift truck.

BBC2, 9.30pm

Having stayed in Whitehall and Westminster last week, the series on the social security system moves for its final episode back into the field. The film is about the introduction of incapacity benefit, an initiative of the Secretary of State for Social Security, Peter Lilley. He is worried that despite a general improvement in the nation's health, payments for sickness and invalidity have more than doubled in a few years. The aim of the new benefit is to reduce expenditure, but, as the film follows the first year of operation in Glasgow, the difficulties soon appear. In the process of sorting out genuine claimants from fraudsters, the doctors who are obliged to carry out medical tests are often caught reluctantly in the middle. The moral of an often revealing series is that with social security there are no Peter Waymork easy solutions.

## HTV

6.00sm GMTV (7314949) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2285814) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (6072098) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (25974)

10.30 THIS MORNING (27382562) 12-20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7259098) 12.30 NEWS (Teletext)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (3909659)
1.25 CORONATION STREET (r)
(Teletext) (6944035) 2.00 HOME AND
AWAY (Teletext) (s) (27500017) 2.25
QUISINE (Teletext) (s) (27589524) 2.50
VANESSA (Teletext) (s) (9605388)

3.20 NEWS (5204388) 3.30 THE RIDDLERS (9455746) 3.40 WIZA-DORA (8875475) 3.50 OLD BEAR STORIES (9459562) 4.05 SCOOBY DOQ (4410524) 4.15 WOOF! (210949) 4.45 IT'S A MYSTERY (Teletext)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (s) (8000104) 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) (530949) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s)

(318727) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletexa) (576630) 7.00 EMMERDALE A new Dingle turns up at

the homestead. Jack lights hard to deteat Frank's plans and Zoe is upset by a surorise departure (Teletext) (s) (4291) 7.30 THE BIG STORY: Fat Cats Using concsaled cameras, the programme ex-poses how some Euro MPs are getting massive increases on their salaries through a lucrative system of excessive



Simon Rouse as Meadows (8.00cm)

8.00 THE BILL: Out of the Past An old friend of Meadows stands accused of murder (Teletext) (4681)

8.30 SCHOFIELD'S TV GOLD Philip Schofield presents the last in the series of classic television moments. This week's theme is love and romance with contributions from Ken Dodd, Jasper Carrott, Les Dawson and Morecambe and Wise (Telefext) (s) (9746)

9.00 THEF TAKERS: NASTY BOYS (Teletext) (s) (8727) 10.00 ITN NEWS AT TEN (72611)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (601543) 10.40 THE WEST STORY Looking at some of the characters involved in the regions catering businesses (Teletext) (408982) 11.10 THE WEST THIS WEEK (853794) 11.40 SWIFT JUSTICE (SI (394814)

12.35am THE WAR OF THE WORLDS (s) (7361708)1.35 NOT FADE AWAY (8911789)

2.35 FLUX (6298925) 2.35 LATE & (OUD (9095091)

4.35 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (87771429) 5.00 GARDEN CALENDAR (80876) 5.30 NEWS (75857)

#### HTV WALES

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6.25pm-7.00 WALES TONIGHT (576630) 7.30-8.00 WALES THIS WEEK (630) 10.40 THE FERRET (403982) 11.10 A SPORTING DOUBLE (853794) 11.40 THE BIG STORY (664272) 12.10am SHORT STORY CINEMA

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7267017) 12.55 EMMERDALE (3909659) 1.25-1.55 QUISINE (76983889) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14542611) 2.25 VANESSA (27503104)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1229302) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8000104) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (17272) 10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (625123) 10.45 A DAY IN THE LIFE (562814) 11.15 SPECIAL REPORT (569727)

CENTRAL

11.45 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (551272)

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1.40 NOT FADE AWAY (8903760) 2.40 FLUX (5528708) 3.30 THE CRIME HOUR (64/9805) 4.35 JOBFINDER (3807906) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5229586)

MERIDIAN

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6.30-7.00 TRUE ... BUT STRANGE (748) 10.30 MERIDIAN NEWS (625123) 10.45 FILM: TERROR ON TRACK NINE (25333920) 5.00am FREESCREEN (80876)

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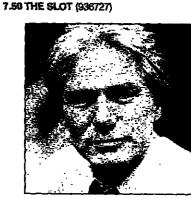
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9.30 SCHOOLS: Middle English 9.45 The Maths Programme 10.05 Scientific Eye 10.25 Geographical Eye 10.45 Le Peril Monde de Pierre 11.00 The English Programme 11.20 Film and Video Sharesee 44 A.T. Showcase 11.40 The Spanish Programme (244659)

12.00 AUSTRALIA WILD (r) (79524) 12.30pm BACKDATE (30123) 1.00 SESAME STREET (8741307) 1.55 THE LIVING SEA: The Signals (Teletext) (s) (14540253)

2.25 RACING From Newmarket and Redcar A (76294140) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (543)

5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (2502307) 5.45 SYRUP Winner of the Short Film Jury Prize at Cannes about a bald, downtrodden man who gets some hair and fights back (r) (Teletext) (s) (805765) 6.00 EERIE INDIANA (1) (Teletext) (956) 6.30 HOLLYOAKS (Teletext) (s) (388) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (985659)



Adam Falth talks money (8.00pm)

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a three-year-old model who makes more money than her mother. Plus the first of a two-part feature on a neval officer, lan Surgey, who swaps his life at sea for that of a carpet salesman (Teletext) (s) (8253)

8.30 DESIRE Fashion series presented by Sophie Anderlon. Featuring an exclusive look at Gianfranco Ferre's new collection (2/5) (Teletext) (s) (7388)

9.00 DISPATCHES Revealing how Mi6 has had intimate knowledge of Argentina's plans to rearm in the wake of the Falklands War - but has done nothing to prevent it (Teletext) (s) (6369)

10.00 FILM: Stolen Babies (1992) with Lea Thompson, Drama based on a true story. of a woman's fight against bureaucracy in the world of abused children and her fight to change the laws of adoption. Directed by Eric Languville (354659) 11.45 FOUR-MATIONS: Continents

Passions (s) (360974) 12.20am KIDS IN THE HALL Canadian comedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (7529234) 12.50 FOUR-MATIONS; Short films (5163692)

1.30 FILM: The Great Waltz (b/w, 1938) Film Biography of the Viennese composer Johann Strauss. Directed by Julien Duvivier (424811) 3.25 FILM: Broadway Melody of 1936 (b/w,

1935) with Eleanor Powell. Classic musical (407296) Ends at 5.15

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7.00pm Star Trok Deep Space Nine (4067307) 8.00 Police Rescue (4063727) 9.90 Blood and Orchids (4066814) 11.00 Late Show, with David Lettermen (1196456) 12.00 Fillat: Knightrider (2806470) 2.00am Hr Mox Long Play (3120585) **SKY NEWS** 

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8.00sm The Magnificent Showman (1984) (88409497) 8.20 Swing Time (1895) (28063456) 10.05 Family Reunion (1985) (7088291) 12.00 Overboard (1979) (1995) (7088291) 12,00 Oversoard (1978) (3076) 2,00pm The Further Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1978) (998:4) 4,00 A Promise to Keep (1990) (8814) 6,00 Femily Reunion (1986) (12538307) 7,40 US Top 10 (780611) 8,00 immortal Beloved (1994) 12(3) 10,00 Disclosure (1994) 14(4595) 12,10em Solitaire for Two Method (1997) 1997 ( (1994) (758505) 1.55 King David (1995) (438050) 3.45 Sperdust (1974) (49050)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am George White's 1935 Scandals (1935) (3658943) 7.25 Storemays on the Ark (7419307) 8.66 Thumbelling (6238475) 10.00 Smiley Gets a Gun (1989) (85659) 12.00 Tekwar: Tekiab (1994) (3638) 2.00pm Big Dreams and Broken Heeris: The Dottle West Story (1993) (97455) 4.00 Thurshellna (590562) 5.10 A Christmas Carol (1979) (214729) 5.00 A Home of Our Own (1984) (59320) 8.00 The Next Karste Kid (1994) (7521454) 9.85 The Movie Show (1994) (7521454) 9.85 The Movie Show (1994) (7521454) 9.85 The Movie Show (1994) (9057659) 12.25am The Red Shoe Disries: Double Dare (1982) (120708) 2.00 The Double Dare (1982) (120708) 2.00 The Double Jam (1984) (841835) 3.50 Confessions of a Driving Instructor (1976) (3051538) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm April in Parts (1952) (2524) 6.00 Julia (1977) (2901) 8.00 Project X (1957) (1556) 10.00 Nuns on the Rum (1990) (82307) 17.40 Spacehunter, Adventures in the Forbidden Zorio (1963) (821630) 1.15am Heiber in Pink Tights (1980) (726857) 2.00 Golden Entriops (1947) (540[2] 4.35-5.10 Sunnyside (1919)

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EUROSPORT 7.30am Equestrianism (78035) 8.30 Tennis (21035) 9.00 Cycling (95272) 10.00 Motors (89524) 11.00 Motor Recing (11562) 11.30 Motorcycling (12291) 12.00 Equestrianism (32830) 1.00pm Eurobin (45384) 1.30 Cycling (52494) 2.00 Live Women's Tennis (28340) 4.00 Motor Sport (77794) 5.00 Live Motorcy Tennis (595508) 8.00 All Sports Women's Termis (\$95508) 8.00 All Sports (9543) 8.30 Motor Sport (\$678) 9.00 Society (42920) 11.00 Motor Recing (27253) 11.30 Safing (\$2962) 12.00-12.30 Motorcycling

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.50pm Biography. John F Kannedy Jrn (8451340) 8.00 The Lost Ark (2727878) 6.00 Stalin (2514833) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Men at San Week (8914307) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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Fowler ready for European recall

# Liverpool take no risks with Swiss on a roll

FROM PETER BALL IN SION

THERE was a time when a visit to Switzerland in European competition was regarded by English football teams as a bye into the next round, if not a holiday. Liverpool, however, based high in the Alps in preparation for the European Cup Winners Cup, secondround, first-leg match against FC Sion tonight, have been taking nothing for granted.

Sitting up a mountain in Crans-Montana, looking over the Rhone Valley to the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc, football hardly seems a likely local pursuit, but, in October, with rain rather than snow falling heavily down in the valley in Sion, football is the sport of the moment and the local team is

Indeed, Sion are confident and have enlisted the services of their man on Merseyside -Marc Hottiger, the Everton full back, their former player, who has provided his former club with a breakdown

on Liverpool.
"Marc has been very helpful." Dariel Matton, the Sion general manager, said. "We know all about them and their reputation, but we won't be

With Switzerland holding England at Wembley to a 1-1 draw during the European championship in the summer and Grasshoppers, the Zurich club, inflicting an embarrass-ing recent defeat on Rangers in the European Cup Champi-

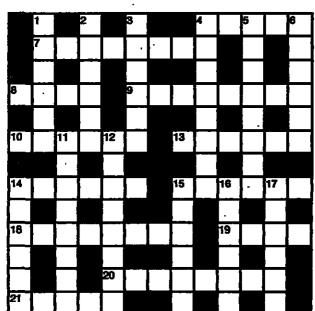
## Players prepare to take strike action

A STRIKE by players in the three divisions of the Nationwide League appears to be imminent (Russell Kempson writes). The result of a ballot organised by the Professional Footballers' Association is due to be announced in two days' time and it is believed that the players have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a

If they have, it would affect, at least initially, all televised matches in the Nationwide League. Grimsby Town's home match with Sheffield United on Sunday, November 3, could see the start of the industrial action, with players refusing to play unless cameras are withdrawn.

Since the Football League decided that the PFA should receive only a "discretionary" payment from television revenue, instead of its traditional 10 per cent, the two organisations have been at loggerheads. Lengthy negotiations have proved fruitless and, having taken legal advice, the League claims that a strike would be unlawful.

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cannot be taken lightly and Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, and John Barnes, his captain, were at pains yesterday to stress the seriousness of the side's task.

"We have seen them at first hand and this is a dangerous team," Evans said. "We have got to be on our

Sion have drawn with Grasshoppers and beaten Neuchatel Xamax, another leading side, in recent weeks and Grasshoppers' success in Europe illustrates their quali-ty. "We don't know much about Sion, but what we heard about their performances against Grasshoppers and Neuchâtel suggests we have got to be careful," Barnes

After a stuttering start, Liverpool have improved as the season has progressed, even allowing for the defeat by Manchester United on Saturday. Inside the camp, at least, there was satisfaction in their performance at the weekend, if not in their finishing.

That would be improved if Robbie Fowler returns from his ankle injury. Provided that he does not feel any reaction from training yesterday, he is expected to be fit and the decision whether to recall him represents Evans's main problem. If he does so, it will presumably be at the expense

of Stan Collymore. After losing at Old Trafford. where Collymore had a sub-dued match, that may seem a straightforward decision, but. if Liverpool are to play a typical game of containment and counter-attack, the power of Collymore's running will

not be discarded lightly. Liverpool are certainly aware of the importance of an away goal. "As we found out when we played Brondby last year, 0-0 is not always a good result away from home," Barnes said. "The idea is to go out there and get an away goal. Obviously, we don't want to go out and score and then lose 3-1, but an away goal

is always vital in Europe. Liverpool are unlikely to be exposed in the same way that Newcastle United were at Ferencearos in Hungary on Tuesday. There may be different views about their system with three central defenders. but, provided that Dominic Matteo is fit, they are now looking better balanced than last year and, as well as Matteo. Phil Babb is also

looking the part.
"I think it's the most consistent I've played for Liverpool," Babb said. "I've played well in the past, but I have been more steady this season and I am smiling all the time."

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Hill was too exhausted to perform the ritual champagne celebrations yesterday

# Hill finds the bottle for a final photocall

By OLIVER HOLT

THE biggest crowd since it used to be called Tyburn, and people flocked there to watch hangings, gathered at Marble Arch, in central London, yesterday. This, though, was no kind of gallows entertainment. This was the latest stage in the anointment of Damon Hill, the Formula One world drivers' champion.

Hill, who had been reunited with his children on Tuesday night after his flight home from Tokyo, dutifully posed for ranks of photographers in front of the edifice that was originally intended to be the entrance gate to Buckingham Palace. He spread his arms wide when they asked him to. waved at passengers on the double-decker buses that were making their way round from Park Lane to the Edgware Road, and sat on a Williams-Renault with his wife, Georgie. "Come on, cuddle," the photographers shouted.

The first sign that Hill's strength is being sapped by the endless round of celebrations that have followed his victory in the Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday, which secured the title, came when he could not pop the cork of a magnum of champagne. A smaller bottle was pressed into service instead.

From Marble Arch, and an impromptu autograph-signing session for some of the hundreds who had turned up to watch and applaud, Hill headed down Oxford Street to Selfridge's and a press conference in the Premier Restaurant. "Good food in impec-cable surroundings," it said. There is not much more that Hill can say now about how he feels after winning his first world championship, but he had a good try all the same.

"It is a bit like putting your

feet up after Christmas dinner." Hill said. "I have not come down off this one yet. I am just looking forward to soaking this feeling up for a bit longer. I have not had much

sleep in the last few days, but right now I do not feel tired; just elated. It is almost as if I am super-charged. I got up at four o'clock this morning because I just did not feel like sleeping and I am still going

strong.
It feels as though various layers are slowly coming off and I am beginning to realise what has happened. Just now, someone presented me with a copy of Autosport with my picture and the word 'Champion on the cover. I have seen my name gradually creep further to the front of the magazine over the years, but I feel like going down to the newsagents and buying up all the copies."

Hill went on to talk a little about his future with TWR Arrows, all the challenges that lay ahead and his hope that he and his new team might surprise a few people next season. Of Frank Williams's decision to sack him at the end of the season, he said it was "not quite the pat on the back I had hoped for. It rather pulled the rug out from under me".

His first title, he said, had left him with an intense feeling of satisfaction. Even though it was nothing to do with emerging from the shadow of his late father, Graham, who won the 🥼 title in 1962 and 1968. he admitted that he would be able to enjoy his career more from now on.

Nothing will ever match up to winning the title for the first time," Hill said, "but from now on, it is going to be a little bit easier to enjoy things. It is in the record books. It is down there for ever. I have achieved what I set out to achieve.

"I have read about this idea that I am trying to live up to my father's image and I don't know where it comes from. I have never been in competition with my father. I simply adored him. He died 2) years ago. That is a long time. I have long since handled that

# Rusedski's victory sets up Henman clash

By Our Sports Staff

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski are poised for their first confrontation this year at the Czech indoor tournament in Ostrava today. Great Britain's leading tennis players will meet in the second round after Rusedski defeated George Bastl, a qualifier from Switzerland, 6-4, 7-6 yester-

Henman, the British No l. beat Nicklas Kulti, of Sweden, on Monday, and will face Rusedski for the first time since he beat him 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the British national championships in Telford last November. At that time, Rusedski was the British No I and was expected to win. Since then, the tables have turned and Henman, ranked 26th in the world and seeded No 7 for the Czech event, will start as favourite.

However, Rusedski, whose world ranking slumped from an all-time high of 33 in January to 84 two weeks ago, has been in outstanding form during the past fortnight. He began his recovery by



Rusedski: beat qualifier

reaching the semi-final of the Heineken Classic in Singapore, a performance which ensured that his world ranking improved nine places

He then won his first ATP Tour event since changing his allegiance from Canada to Britain last year when he beat Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, in the final of the Peking Open at the weekend, a victory which enabled him to climb a further 22 rungs up the ranking ladder to 53.

Sam Smith yesterday celebrated her first win on home soil since she became the British No 1 a fortnight ago. Smith defeated Sofia Pzareres, of Portugal, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the Texaco Ladies Challenge at Cardiff and will now face Eva Martancova, of the Czech Republic.

Clare Wood, deposed by Smith as British No l. will

meet the top seed, Elena Wagner, of Germany. Wagner beat Claire Taylor, of Oxford-shire, 6-2, 6-3. Smith and Wood will clash in the quarterfinals if they win their secondround matches today.

☐ Pete Sampras made a successful start to his challenge. for the Marlboro Hong Kong Championships yesterday, beating Grant Connell, of Canada, 6-4, 6-2 in silver group.

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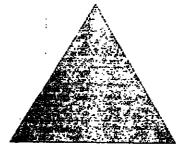
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# Dancing into the danger zone

ne of the biggest inter-national ballroom dancing events enters its third and final day today with a record number of injuries reported by dancers as young as 13 years old. One competitor, an English teen-ager and one of the country's top dancers, was sent to hospital as an emergency with a foot injury inflicted during a foxtrot. Others were winded, knocked and kicked by rival dancers as they fought for first places across Latin and modern dances, including waltz, tango, samba, cha-cha-cha

The casualty rate at the 44th Elsa Wells International, at the Brentwood Leisure Centre this week, is being cited as further evidence that ball-room dancing has developed into a sport comparable with football and athletics for the demands that it makes in terms of stamina, fitness and competitiveness. In another recent competition, the Open British, at Black-

pool, first-aiders treated 138

injured dancers over five

days, a record for that event.

Elsewhere, lacerations to the

legs have been caused by the

flashing high heels of the

Injuries soar as competition in the

ballroom hots up, Ruth Gledhill reveals

perform leg-kicks.

Dance-inflicted ailments in Blackpool included fractured arms and ribs, and a collarbone dislocated during the tango. Graham Miles, the first-aid consultant for dancers, said: "Because they are all trying to make the finals, they are putting everything into it and being injured as a result. The days of courtesy and floorcraft on the dancefloor

have gone." With 850 couples dancing in continuous heats across three days, with the finals today at the Albert Hall casualties are inevitable and yesterday inju-ries requiring Miles's attention were averaging two an hour. Miles said: "The most serious injury was when one of our English couples was dancing the foxtrot. Another girl stood on her foot and did a heel turn, right on her toe. It came right up, and we sent her straight to hospital. We haven't heard yet whether she's well enough to dance at

Raju Arulanantham, the Canadian over-35s senior champion, who dances with his wife, Lorraine, saw his ankic swell up like a balloon after a rival kicked him accidentally during the cha-chacha. "I carried on dancing, but I could feel the foot swelling, the shoe getting tighter," he said. Expert massage and a bag of ice left him fit to

continue, however. Some dancers also suffer stress-induced headaches and faintness because of nerves brought on by all-day competitions and the pressure to

R ugby tops the sports injuries table, with football second and hockey third. About 6.4 million people in England need treatment for sports injuries each year, with 1.4 million taking an average of six days

off work to recover. Like most athletes, dancers will, as a rule, continue dancing through an injury, howcompetition countering even severe pain. Miles, who dances with his wife, Liz, an aromatherapist, is employed as a first-aid specialist at most top dance championships. He began treating dancers

two years ago when dancing in the senior rankings in a competition organised by Bill Phillips, the promoter, also at Brentwood. "We were dancing, and my wife saw a man go down," he said. "We carried on dancing, but nobody was helping him, so we stopped and rushed over." The competitor had had a heart attack. Miles used his

specialist skills and spent 20 minutes resuscitating him, eventually saving his life. Phillips has since made sure that Miles is on hand at most top events, and he is also used by Bobby Short, the promoter of the International, and others. "The dancers know me, so they might come to me early with a problem that they wouldn't take to a stranger," he said. This means that potential problems can some-

times be detected early. Ballroom dancing is recog-nised provisionally as an Olympic sport. Full recognition is expected in June.

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the Albert Hall today."